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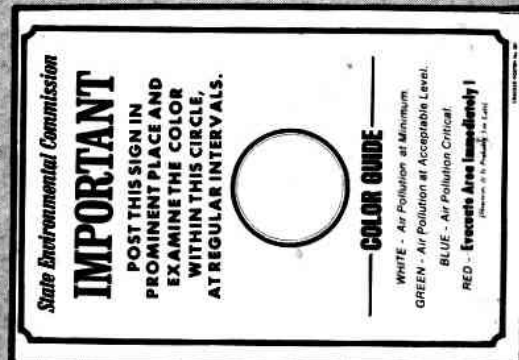
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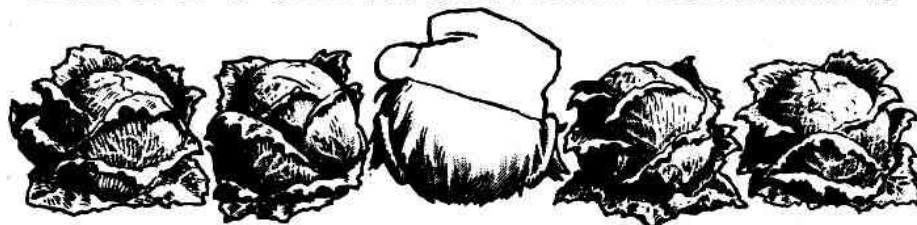
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WHAT'S UP FRONT
OUR COVER

OK, you guys . . . break it up! This is a non-violent magazine! Hey, wait a minute . . . we didn't mean break it up like *that*! Turn to page 6 and settle the score there.



LETTUCE from our Readers



ADDRESS ALL LETTERS TO CRACKED LETTUCE, 239 PARK AVENUE SOUTH SUITE 5D, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10003

Dear CRACKED,
How come your proof reader never spells his own title right?

Art Abelson
Syracuse, Kansas

Dear Art,
It is spelled right. He's a prprf Rdrer, not a Proof Reader. Geesh!

Dear CRACKED,
What happened to Nanny Dickering in CRACKED INTERVIEWS STAR WARTS CREATOR GEORGE LUCRE? Was she on vacation?

Cally Witte
Arlington, Mass.

Dear Cally,
She was on assignment talking with the UFO KING.

Dear CRACKED,
Those heads that Sylvester was knocking off on the WAR GAINS cover looked awfully familiar. Was that ...

Terri Decker
Moab, Utah

Dear Terri,
Yup. Ricardo Montalban himself!

Dear CRACKED,
Point of information. I know what the publisher and editor contribute to your magazine, but what does your contributing editor contribute?

Rick Browne
Benton Harbor, Mich.

Dear Rick,
We believe it's about \$1 a month to the AMERICAN DISABLED TRACTOR TRAILER FUND.

Dear CRACKED,
I am beginen to lern now Englis. I lern from reeden CRACKED. Wy yuu made it funy altha time. How I lern yuu allus made it funy? Yuu tink it eezy lern Englis wen yuu gota laft altha time. Make mor serous so I no laft to mush.

Karim Mushaba
Istanbul, Turkey

Dear Karim,
We suggest that you read that other magazine with the stupid looking big eared mascot. You wooden hafta laft!

Dear CRACKED,
WHEN ALL OF TV GOES 3-D had me rolling on the floor.

Jerry Isnardi
Randolph, Maine

Dear Jerry,
Now if you could just learn to sit up and beg too, maybe your parents would keep you.

Dear CRACKED,
You knows, dat title of yours in da last issue YOU KNOWS IT'S GONNA BE ONE OF DEM DAYS was not really good English. Are you guys tryin' to ruin my brain with bad influences?

Peter Kaplan
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Peter,
We apologize and hereby correct the title. It should have been YOU KNOW IT'S GONNA BE ONE OF DEM DERE DAYS. Sorry.

Dear CRACKED,
WAR GAINS was not only funny, but also served to illustrate three very important points: A) That safety features of computers must be improved. B) That the Pentagon bears close watching and C) That there would be no winners at all in a nuclear war. Thank you for bringing out these important issues.

Steven Hanover
Kurtistown, Hawaii

Dear Steven,
We did all that? Gosh! We're impressed.



"JAWS" CONTEST WINNERS

Thanks to all who entered the shark contest in CRACKED #198 ... and congratulations to the winners!

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Oxnard, CA

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John DeBusk
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Dear CRACKED,
Loved the cover for #200. It really illustrates how you've been nuking your competition for many years. You're always first to do the hot movies and you're just out to make us laugh instead of depress us. CRACKED is the best magazine in the whole world!

Mary Ozimok
Atlanta, GA

Dear Aunt Mary,
Thanks a lot and give my best to Uncle Fred.

Dear CRACKED,
I liked your satire on THE A TEAM TAKES A RIDE ON THE LOVE BOAT a few issues back, but what I'd really like to see now is a satire on THE A-TEAM all by itself. Think this could be arranged?

Bob Kraffs
Dallas, Texas

Dear Bob,
Well, these things usually take time and a lot of planning. They have to be written, then illustrated, then printed and then delivered to newsstands. However, if you give us say, the time it takes for you to turn to the next page, we think we can fill your request.

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Ten years ago, a **CRACKED** commando unit in S.E. Asia was sent to jail for a crime they didn't commit. Knowing they'd never get a fair trial, they risked the impossible to undertake another impossible task—crush NBC's competition and get that network out of third place. Their methods of operation were a little unorthodox (sometimes even a teensy bit violent), but it didn't take long before the 4 men and 1 woman managed to turn their series into the smash hit Tuesday night show known as

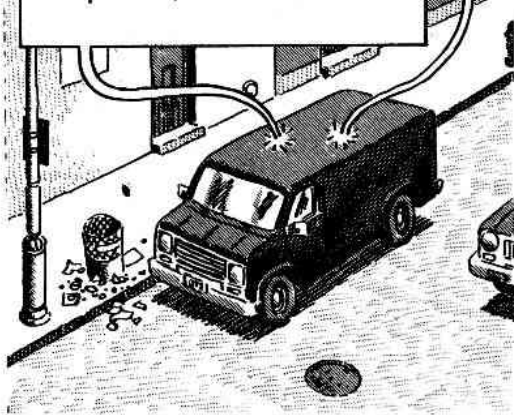
THE A-A-YYY TEAM



So, will you do it?

I don't know. After all, the cops are looking for us.

True, but I think I know the **real** reason you're hesitant. You realize this assignment could involve **danger** and lots of bullets, plus out-of-control car chases, loud explosions, ultra-violence . . .



You **mean** it?! In that case, **we'll take it!**



O.K. guys. The first thing we gotta do is sneak into police headquarters and put a **bug** on each of the corrupt cops' uniforms. You ready to do that Spaced?



Ready!

Not **that** kind of **bug!** The small little microphone kind.



Oh! Right! I must be hanging around Mudlark too much.

Are you Sergeant O'Hobo?

Yeah.

Well, we're the interior decorators you hired to redo all the lockers in this precinct.



I never **ordered** any interior decorators.

I know **you** didn't but **headquarters** did. They said it's been a few years since they last redid your lockers.

They've **never** redone them.

See how long it's been?



Unfortunately, due to budget restraints, the city couldn't afford to spring for the plaid pattern you ordered. However, they **did** agree to let you have this surplus **Annie** Wallpaper.

Grown cops with **Annie** plastered all over their lockers?

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN YOU FEEL YOUR CORNS MORE THAN YOUR OATS!



CRACKED is taking the bus home, then vainly trying to get it into your living room.

Look. Either you take our **Annie** offer **now** or who knows the next time we'll be back. It could be a year, a month or even . . .

Tomorrow!
Tomorrow!

O.K. O.K. **Do** it. Only **don't** sing. And please be gone before the men get here.

We've got to hurry.

I'll just sew each of these mikes onto their uniforms like so. Think they'll **notice** them?

Never!

SEW SEW SEW
SEW SEW SEW
SEW SEW SEW

BRAD RAYMOND WAS HERE.

Good work. Now we just sit here and wait until we pick something up. **Wait!** Here it comes!

So what do you wanna do this afternoon?

Let's pick on that **boomerang** shop at 5th and Avacado. I hear business has been **coming back**.

Great. That's a **good** time to hit them for protection money.

CRACKED is trying to mug somebody on the street with an electric razor.

O.K. B.O. We gotta get over to that boomerang shop before they do. Make this van **fly**.

No way.

Why not?

You know I **hate** to fly.

KAFF!
KAFF!

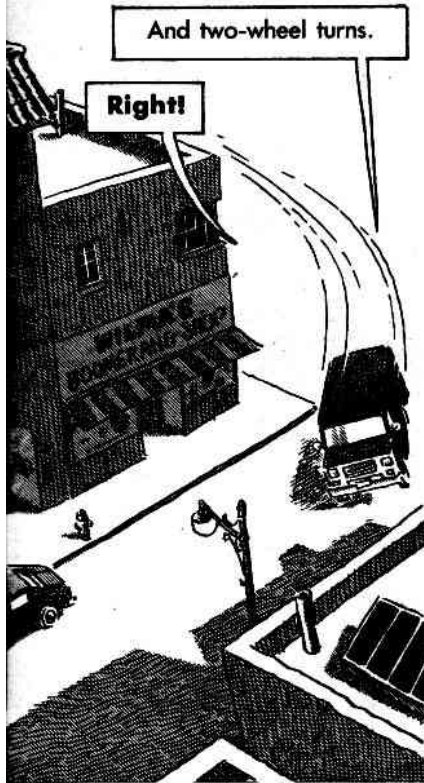
What I meant was to **drive** us over there in a typical **A-a-yy Team** fashion.

Oh. You mean fast and wreckless . . .

With plenty of near misses . . .

WOW!!
SKREEEE!

SKREEE



Ma'am, a few cops are on their way over to demand protection money from you. They're corrupt and we'd like to set a trap to save you from shelling out any money.

Oh bless you.

No need for that. I didn't sneeze.

Cannibal. Here they come. Everyone hide.

Hello, ma'am. I'm Officer Steve and this is Officer Tim and, well, if you want anymore **police protection**, you're gonna have to start **paying** for it.

Yeah. \$13 a week.

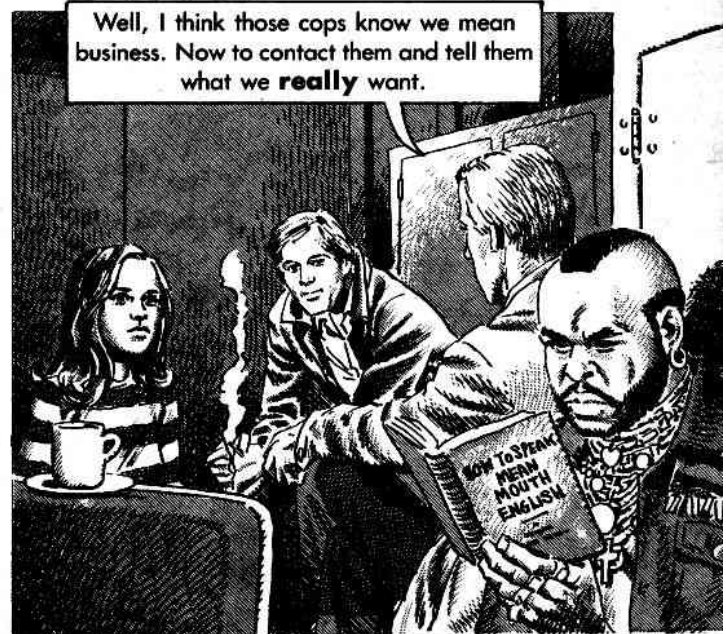
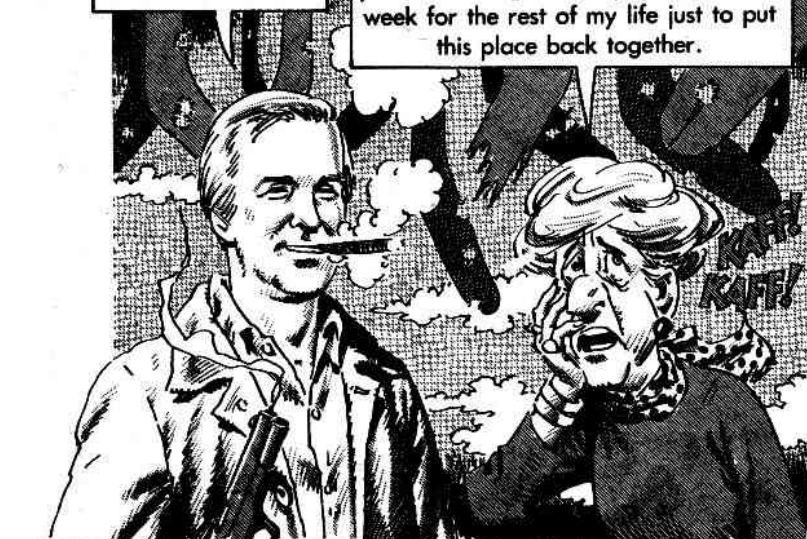
\$13!



You're safe now, ma'am. And there's no need to thank us.

THANK YOU?! Those crooked cops only wanted \$13 a week. Thanks to your protection I'm gonna be paying \$500 a week for the rest of my life just to put this place back together.

Well, I think those cops know we mean business. Now to contact them and tell them what we **really** want.



Resign!? Are you nuts! I don't know how you found out what we were up to but . . .

A little buggy told us.

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What? Guys! Our uniforms are miked. . . O.K. So you're clever. Let's meet.

Tomorrow. 6AM at the **Run and Torture Amusement Park.**

How will we know who you are?

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In that case, I'd better stop off at my mama's house for an extra gun. Now, I could just walk over there, knock on the door and walk in like any normal person.

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Or?

Or I could arrive
The A-a-ayy Team way.

KRASH!

That you son?

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So it's 6AM.
Where **are** they?

Right here. On the Flying Elephant ride. Get on.

Not me brother. I **hate** to fly. There's no way I'm . . .

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He's coming. He just needed a little enticement.

So, you gonna resign? We know all the things you've done. The graft. The corruption. The lying. The cheating.

The good. The bad. The ugly.

Here's our answer.

CRACKED-DA-DA-DA-TAIL!

CRACKED is running away with the circus and having the police make you bring it back.

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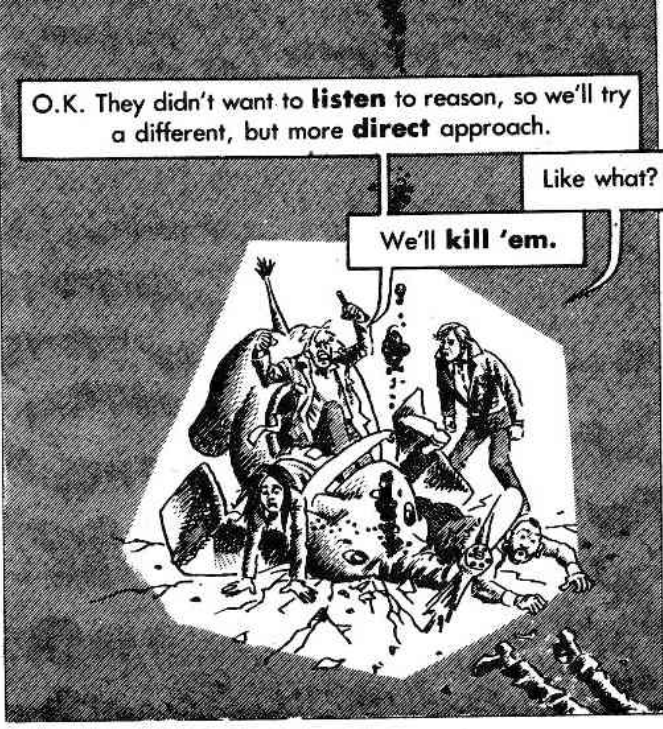
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I take that as a no.

Cannibal!!! They **hit** our **right engine!** I don't think I can **land** this **elephant!** We're **gonna crash!** HANG ON!

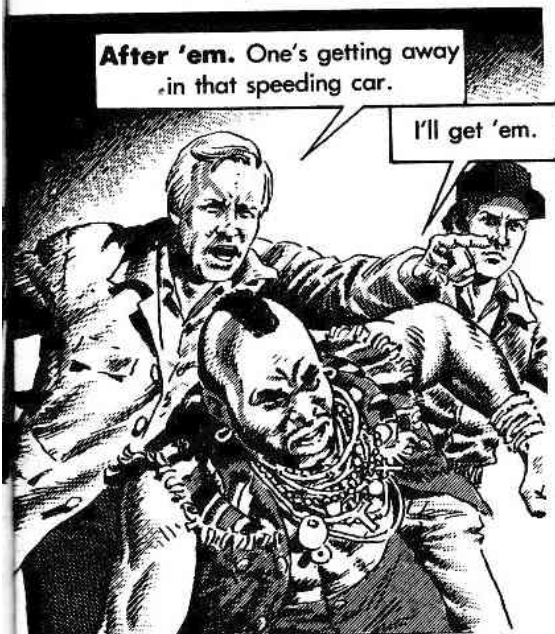


O.K. They didn't want to **listen** to reason, so we'll try a different, but more **direct** approach.

Like what?

We'll **kill 'em.**

CRACKED is putting popcorn in the pancake mix so they can turn over by themselves.



After 'em. One's getting away in that speeding car.

I'll get 'em.



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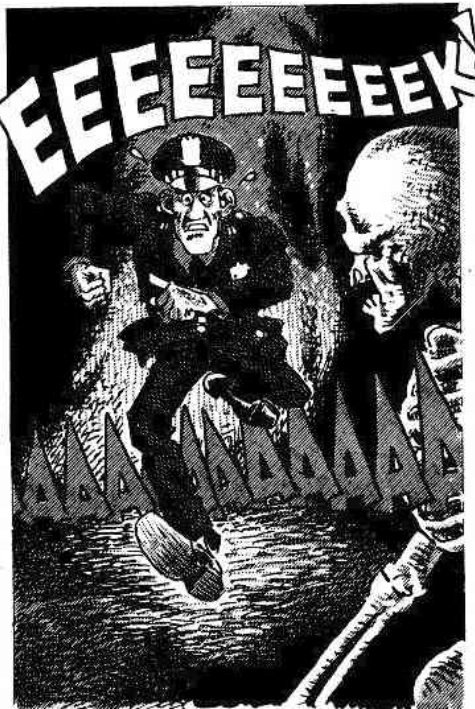


There's **another** trying to escape through the fun house.

Leave that one to me.



WAAAAAA



EEEEEEEEEEK!



OOOOOOOOO



Booga Booga!

AHHHH!

Now that we've got you all together, we're gonna ask you **one more time**. Are you guys gonna march into your Captain's office tomorrow and resign?
Or...

Or what? Is Mr. T there gonna give us a love hug?



That's B.O.! Not Mr. T!

CRRR!

What's the difference? The way you **act**, all you characters are exactly the same.



KRUNCH!

I think that was the **wrong** thing to say.



We give up—we'll all resign.

Well you did it. I don't know how to express my thanks.



Skip the thanks and just flash the cash for our bill.

Oh sure. And you know, I also learned something else today.



Really? What's that?



We're gonna scare all the criminals out of town by dressing all of our officers like you!

KAFF! KAFF! KAFF!



TH'END

They're doing it in N.J. and Arizona. They're doing it in California and Washington. Over four million people below the age of 16 are involved in the sport and yet some Americans don't even know what BMX is. Well, before you have to admit to not knowing what those 3 letters stand for, sit back and bone up on the details quick, as we now present

THE CRACKED GUIDE TO BICYCLE MOTO- CROSS

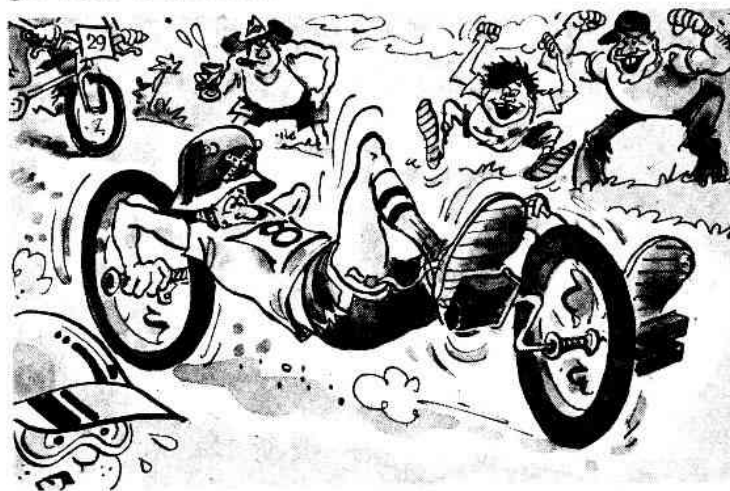
BMX is short for Bicycle Motocross. It's a challenging sport that over 4 million young people are taking part in (but then you already knew that if you read the introduction). Some of these people just own the bikes while others actually race them at one of the more than 600 tracks in the nation.

This is the basic BMX bike. Nice!

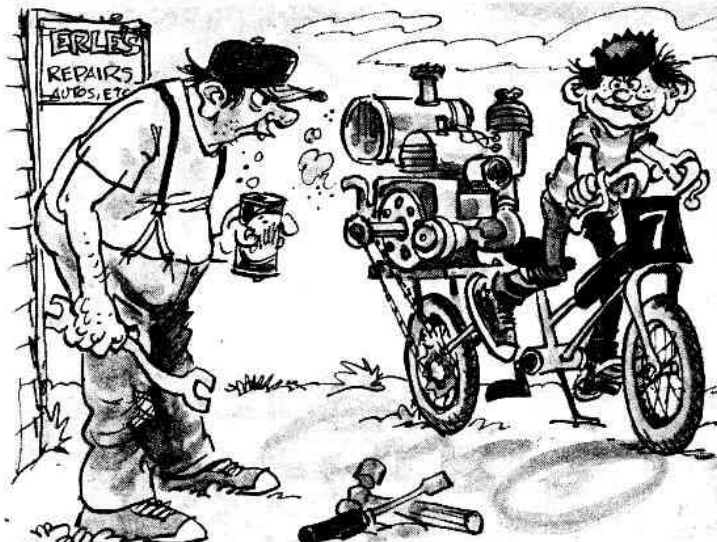


CRACKED is shooting dice with a rifle!

However, kids who race often strip them down to get them to go faster.



There are also kids who try to get them to go faster in another way.



They are known as cheaters.

Besides the bike, there are a few other things that a BMX racer should have.

First, there's the basic racing suit.



This one is strictly for formal races.

Then you need a helmet. If you can't afford a \$75 fiberglass one



... A homemade one will do.

You'll also need something to protect your eyes.



Good, but this does add another 60 pounds to your bike.

Instead, we suggest wearing the new combination helmet/goggles now starting to come out.



It's also available with matching pants.

Gloves are another good thing to wear.



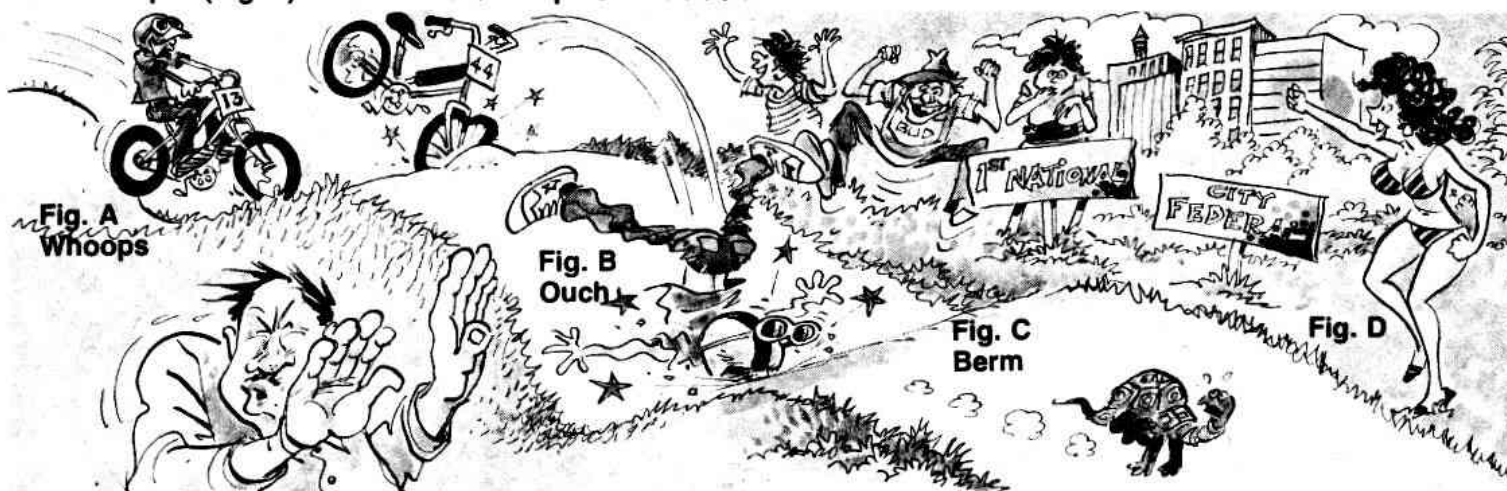
Though you might have problems mitt these.

And lastly you'll need foot wear. Any type of shoe is fine.



Make that almost any type.

Now let's take a look at a typical BMX track. You'll notice that there are several important parts. There are the "whoops" (Fig. A) which are the bumps on the track.



They are called "whoops" because if you land slightly off, this is what you might holler. And if you land completely wrong, you go (Fig. B). Next there are the "berms" (Fig. C). These are "banked curves" as you'll notice from the picture above. And lastly, there is Figure D. These are known as inspirations.

On an average day there are usually 50 races at a track. They are divided into several levels of skill. There's the "Beginner Level."



THE INTERMEDIATE LEVEL



And the "Pro" or "Expert Level"



The races themselves are fairly short ...

... and there's a small entry fee, often negotiable, since many "cash-poor" kids are participating.

Each race is started with the sound of a gun.



The racers then break out of the starting gate.

Can't you just "open" the starting gate? It'd be a heck of a lot easier.



During the race a little dust is sometimes kicked up.

They racing?
I think so.



And since it's mostly parents watching, enthusiasm can run high.

Let's go Bobby!! Go get 'em.

Harry. Relax. Bobby's race isn't for another 20 minutes.



Can anyone race? Well, we suppose that a 95-year-old man with a broken leg might be at a disadvantage, but other than that, sure, anyone can—that is if you train.

You should first start by learning to jump small objects...

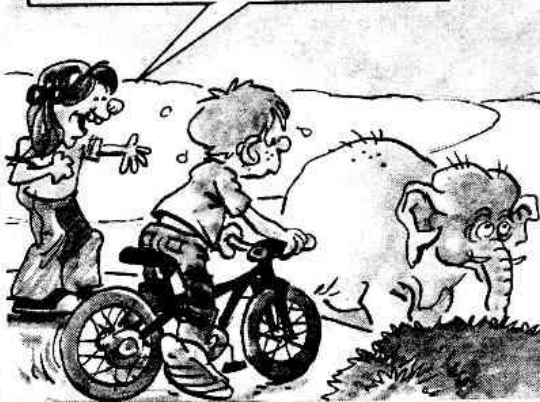
... building up to bigger things.

But remember, safety first. Practice only in areas where there are no cars or pedestrians.

Good going. You made it clear over that grape.



Come on Charlie! You can do it!



And it's around the coffee table into the stretch!



Not your living room! We meant in a vacant lot or desert.

And since we're on safety; never drink paint.

And we should also mention that you're never too young to start.

And who knows. If you're good at BMX, you might one day turn those skills into a whole career.

I thought it was a vanilla milk shake.



It's got nothing to do with BMX, but it is a good safety tip.





No, not **THIS**
kind of hold-up!

CRACKED HOLD-UPS!

Hold this page up to the light to see the surprise appear.
You'll soon see, **Something Funny Is Going On Here!**



THIS kind of
hold-up!

It's so hot today.
I don't feel like
cooking.



This is just the car
I wanted. Look Harry!
Let's buy it!



You know Elsie, after dinner I
think the two of us ought
to go and visit Helen Davies
. . . what da ya think?



Did you hear the joke about
the cowboy & the Indian?
Well, see, there was
this Indian . . .



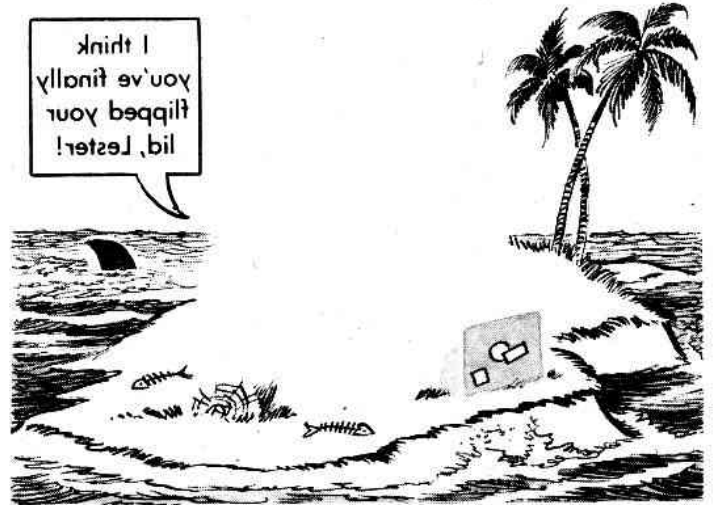
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"Or else" is 2 words!



How's
this,
dear?

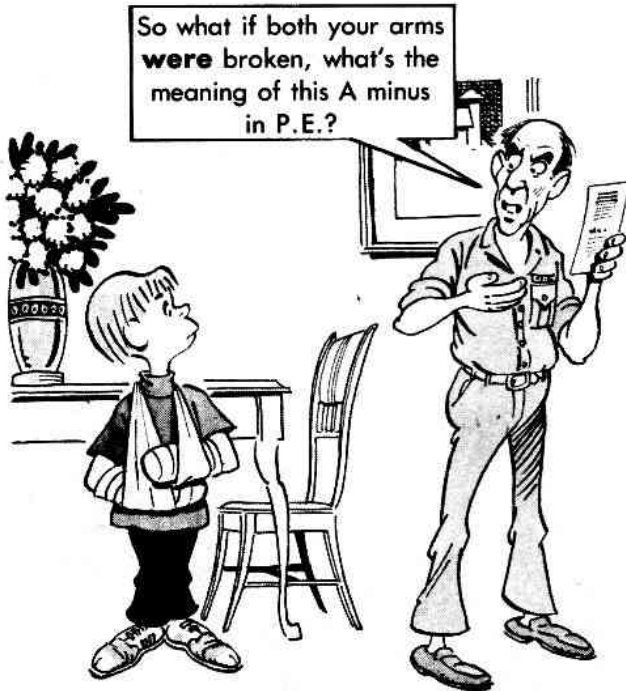


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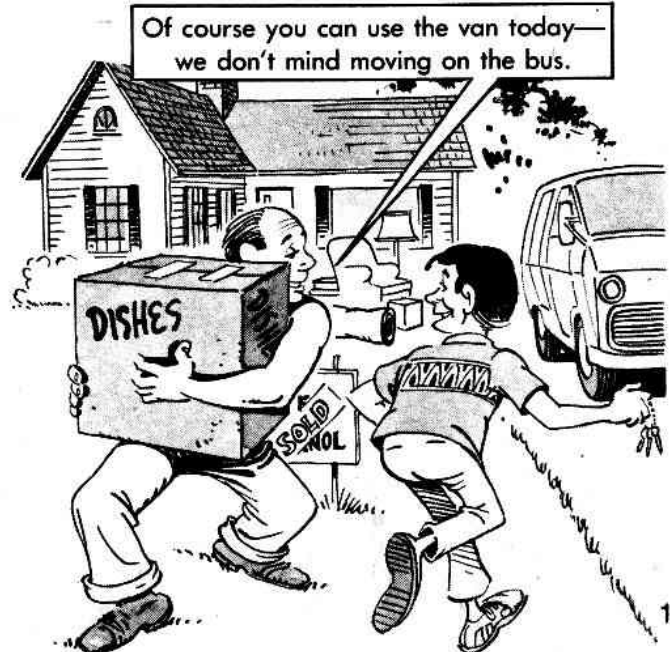


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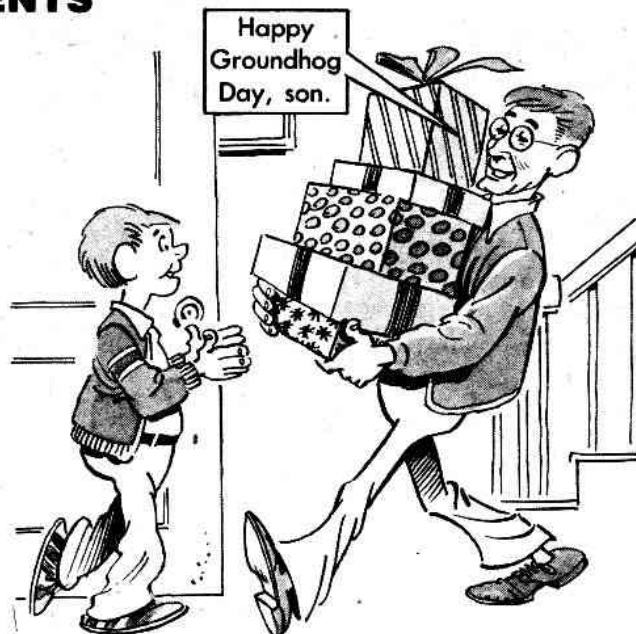
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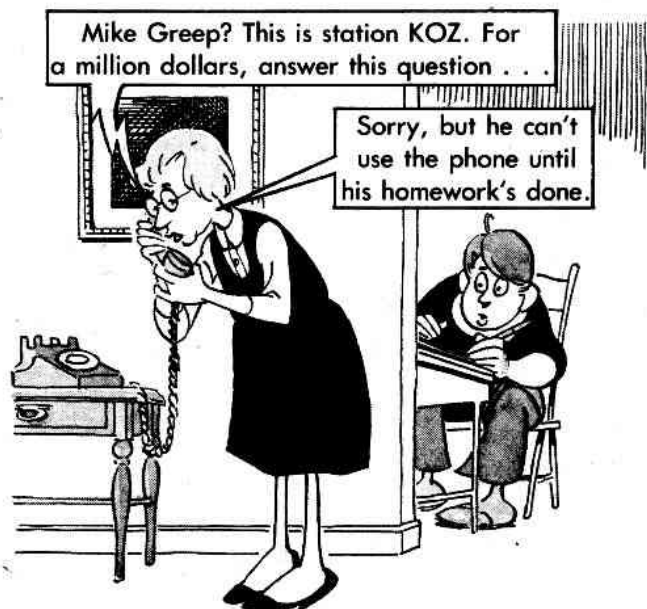
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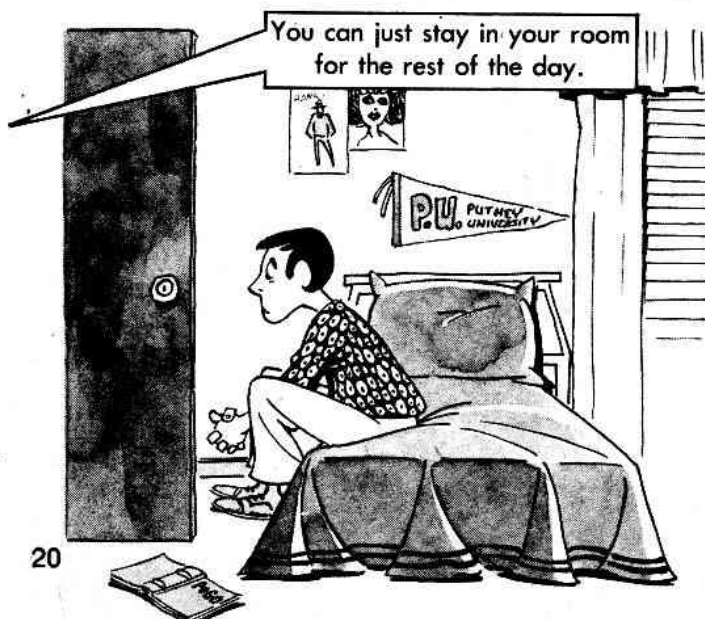
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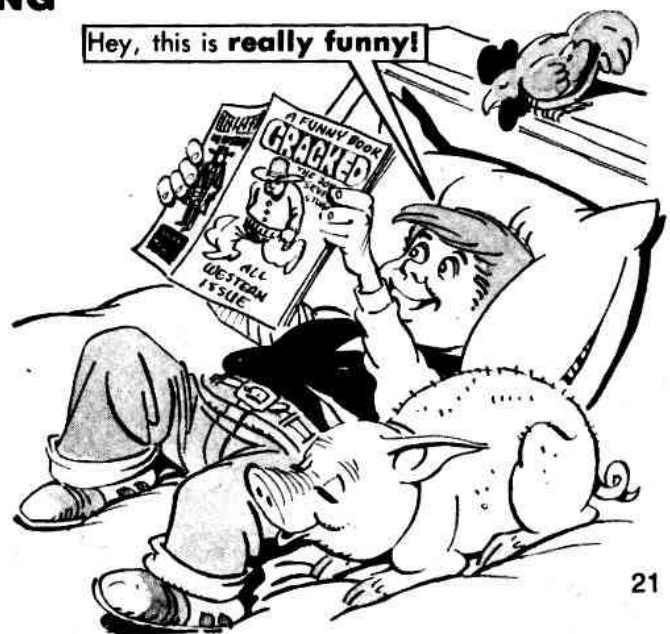
CLOTHES



FRIENDS



READING



DON'T YOU



When you raise your hand in the classroom, get called upon, stand up, and give the wrong answer?



When you rob a bank in New York City and get mugged on the way to the getaway car?



When you take out a library book whose cover reads "HOW TO HUG" and then discover it's Volume 7 of the encyclopedia?



When you spend three hours trying to get the top down on your friend's car before realizing it isn't a convertible?

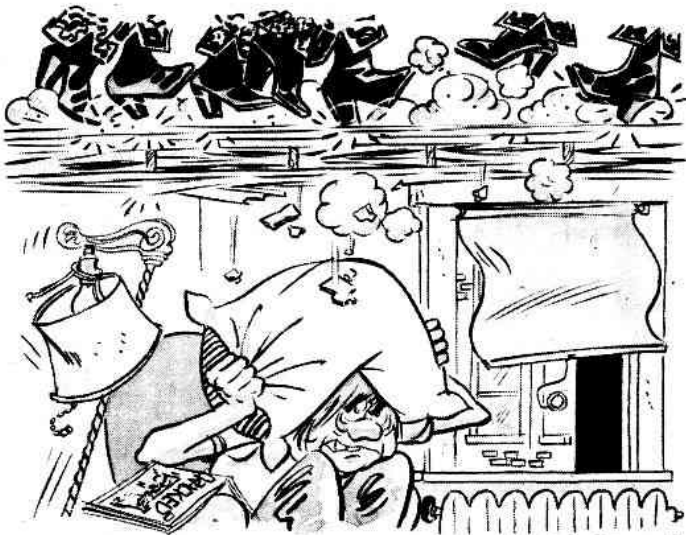


When you stand in front of a pay toilet for 20 minutes because you haven't got a dime, then find out too late the door was open all the time?

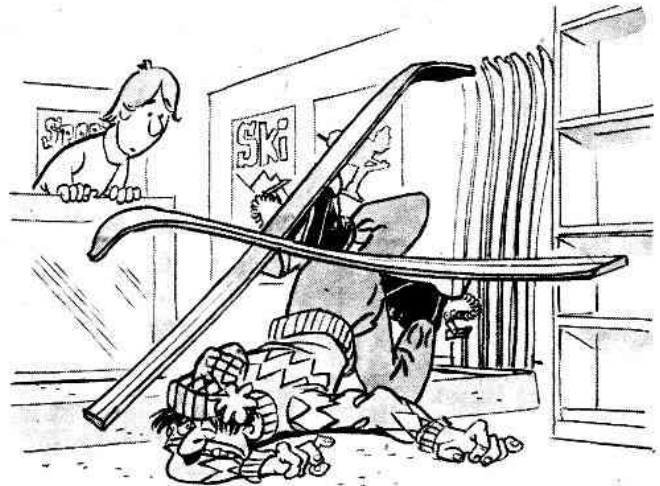


When you take \$300 worth of karate lessons and the first month you break \$400 worth of boards?

FEEL STUPID



When you finally find an apartment in New York City and discover that a group of flamenco dancers live upstairs?



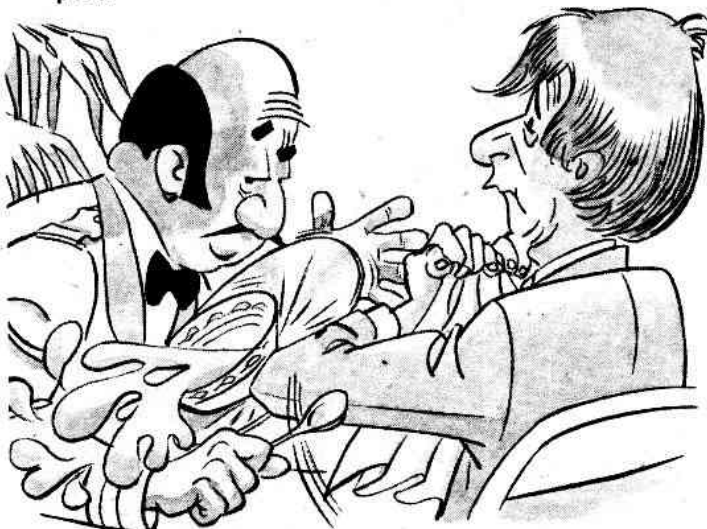
When you break your leg while buying a pair of skis?



When you make a perfect somersault dive off the high diving board and then finding out there's no water in the pool?



When you go out of your way to help an old lady cross the street, then find out she didn't want to go?



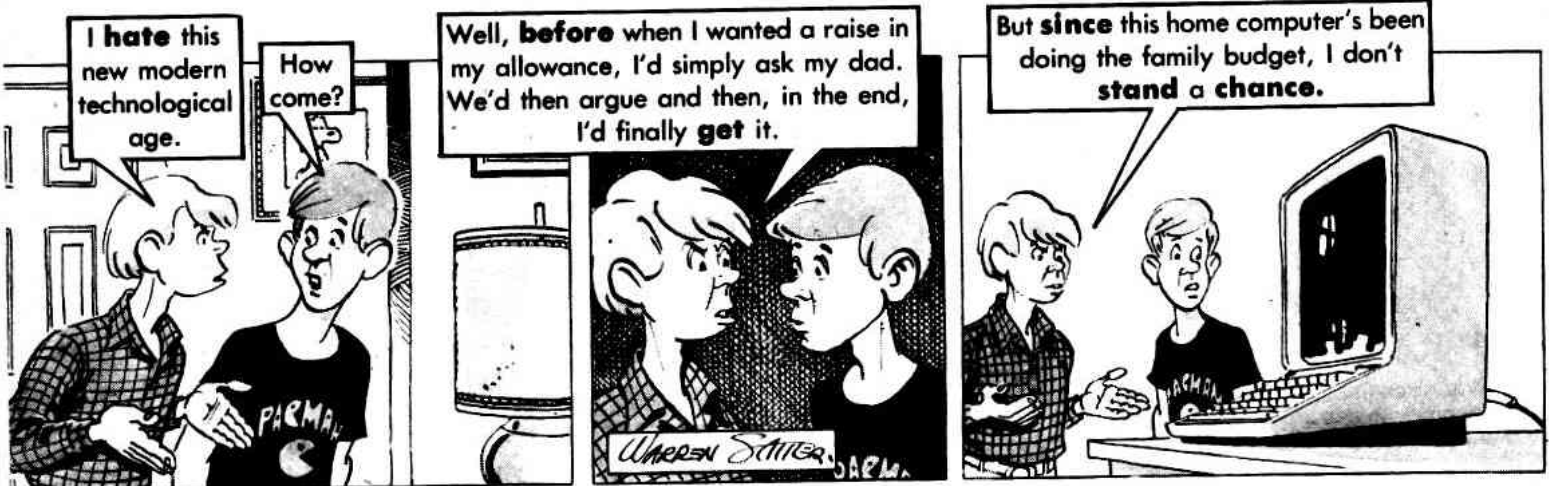
When you go to a restaurant and spill soup on the waiter's jacket?



When you learn to deliver kung fu blows with your bare feet, then getting clobbered while taking off your shoes and socks?

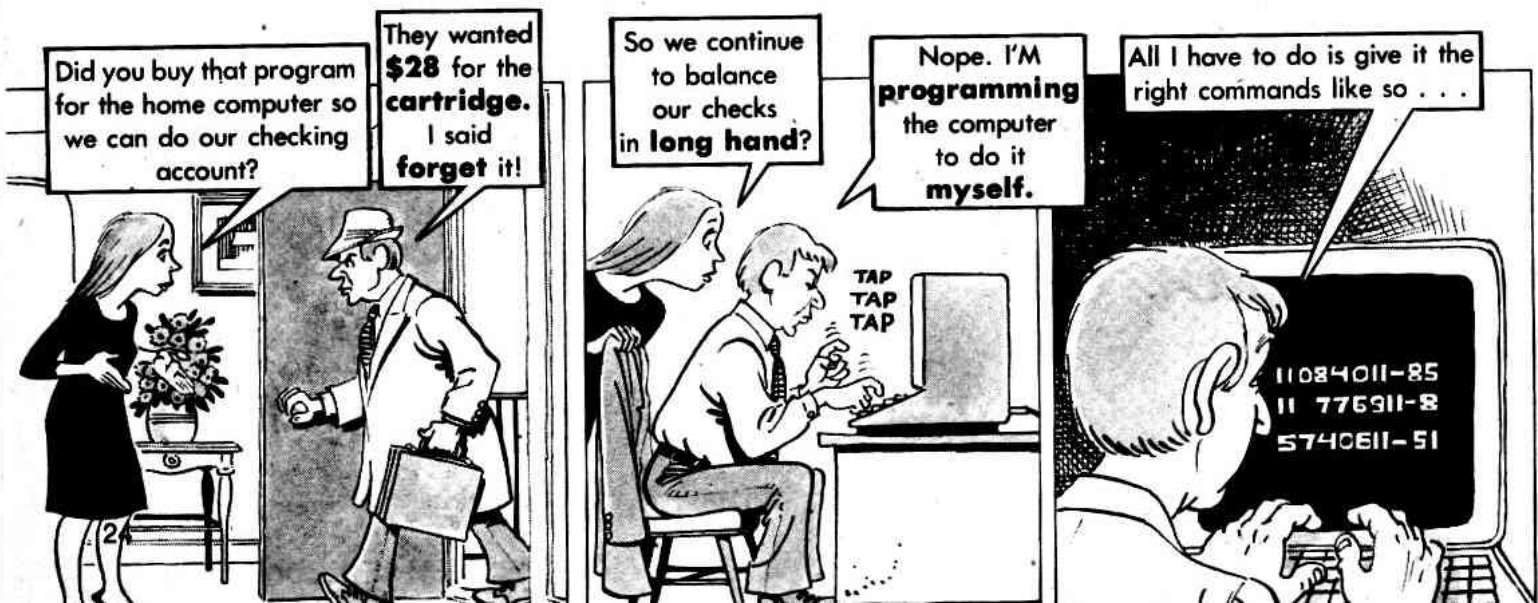
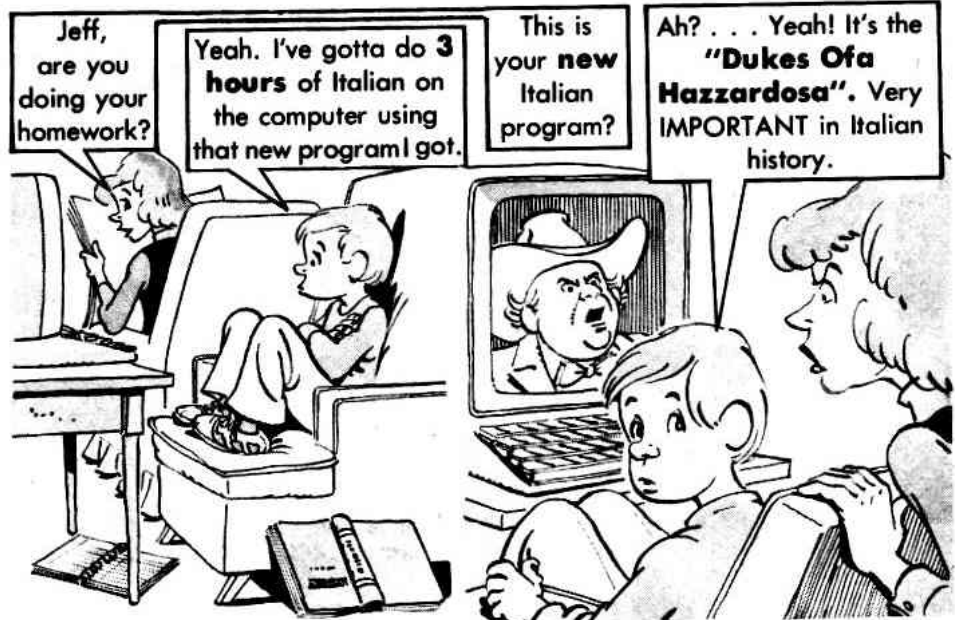
CRACKED is installing a square bath tub so it won't leave a ring.

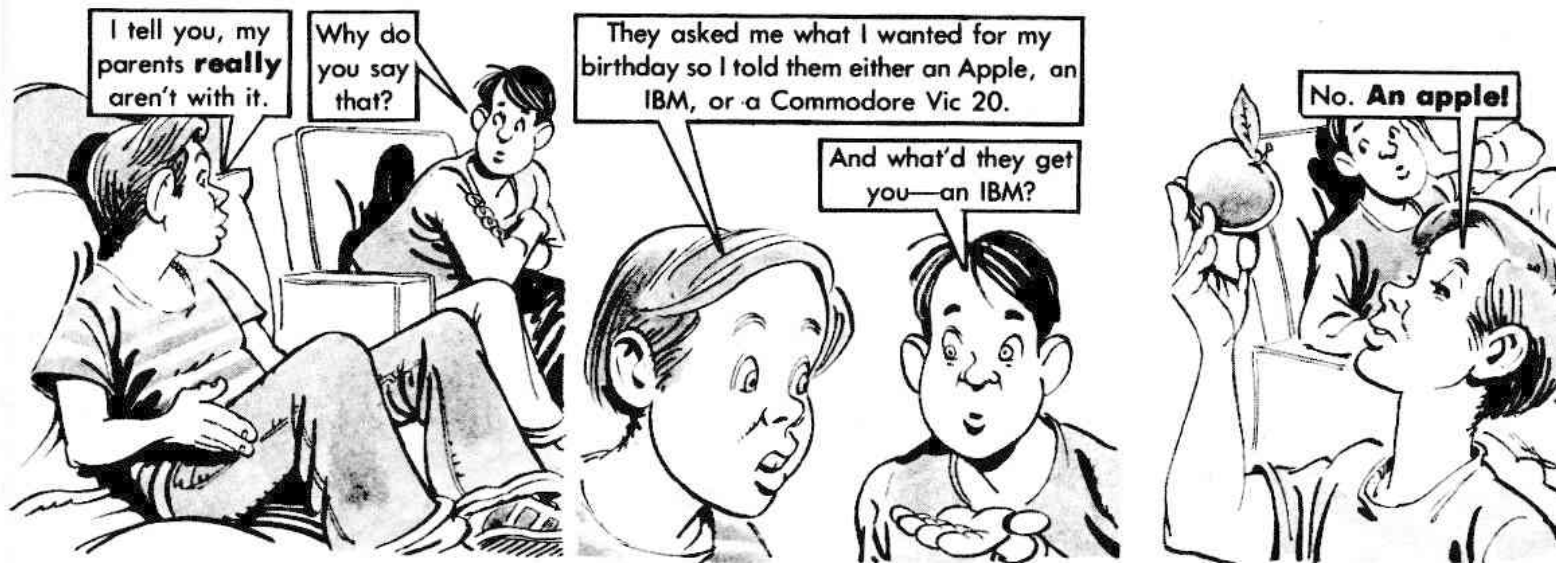
A CRACKED LOOK AT HOME COMPUTERS



FOUR THINGS A TEENAGER CAN USE A HOME COMPUTER FOR

- (1) To keep track of the boys/girls you're going out with.
- (2) To catalog the excuses you've given to teachers as to why you don't have your homework.
- (3) To remind yourself when your favorite TV shows are on.
- (4) As a paperweight when you can't figure out how the darn thing works.





GLOSSARY

PERSONAL HOME COMPUTER—A small keyboard operated machine used for very important things like family budgets, checking accounts and playing Zaxxon.

MEMORY—The inner workings of the machine. (Also, what your mother has when you ask if you can stay up late just once this week and she tells you "But you already did.")

FLOPPY DISC—What happens to your Men At Work album when you leave it lying in the sun too long.

K—Short for memory. If the computer has an extraordinary memory (especially for breakfast cereals) it's said to have "Special K".

STORE—What you do when you place information into the computer—also, where you return it when you can't figure out what the heck the machine is good for.

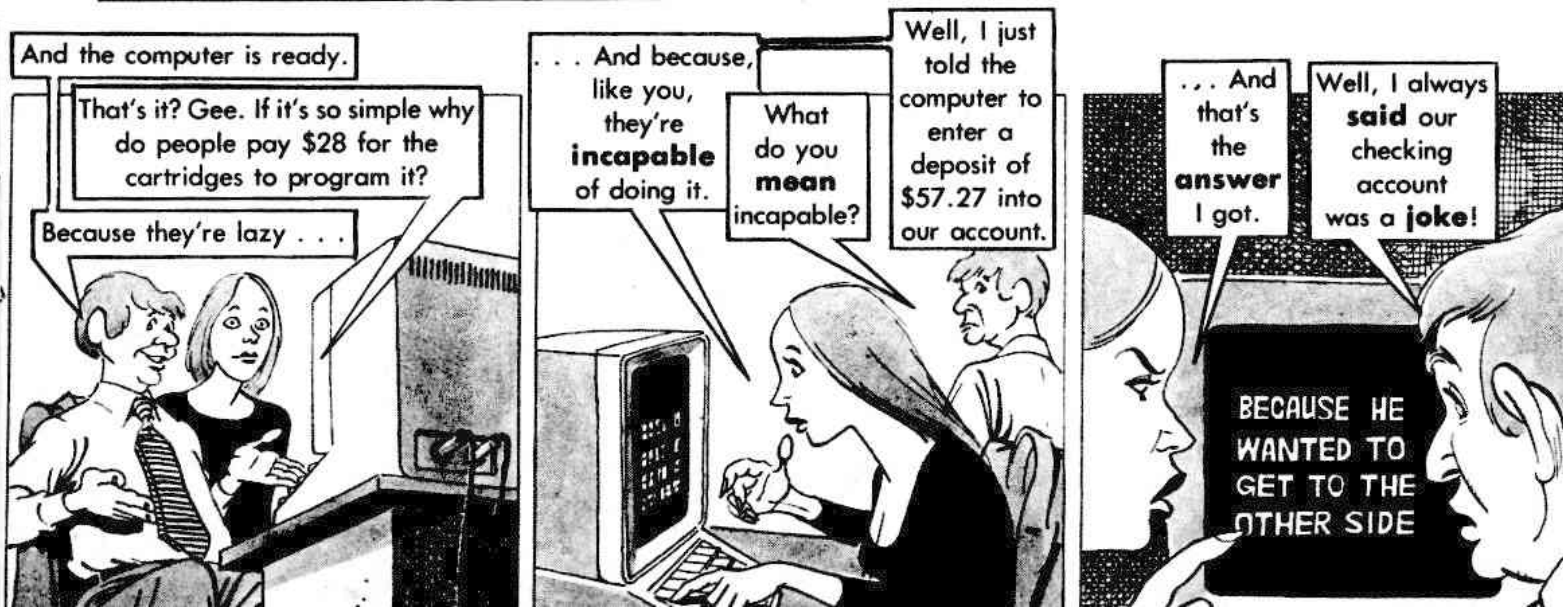
HARDWARE—When combined with the term above, it's a great place to find hammers, nails and roach traps.

SOFTWARE—Same as above only it's been treated with a fabric softener.

UNDERWEAR—You don't know? No wonder you can't dress yourself in the morning!

DISC DRIVE—What you and your friends go on to find the hit records you want.

CRACKED is buying a boomerang that isn't returnable

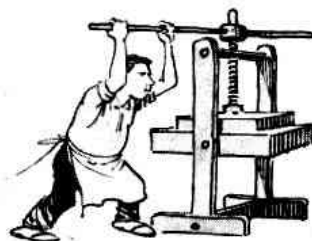






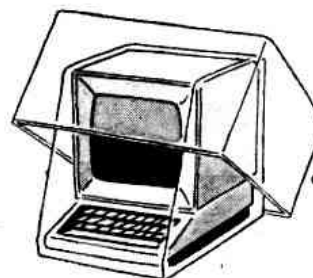
THE NEWEST IN ACCESSORIES FOR HOME COMPUTERS

HOME PRINTER



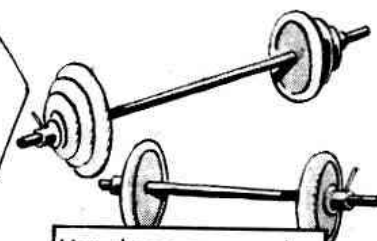
A must if you want to have a copy of anything you see on your screen.

COMPUTER COVER DUSTCOVER

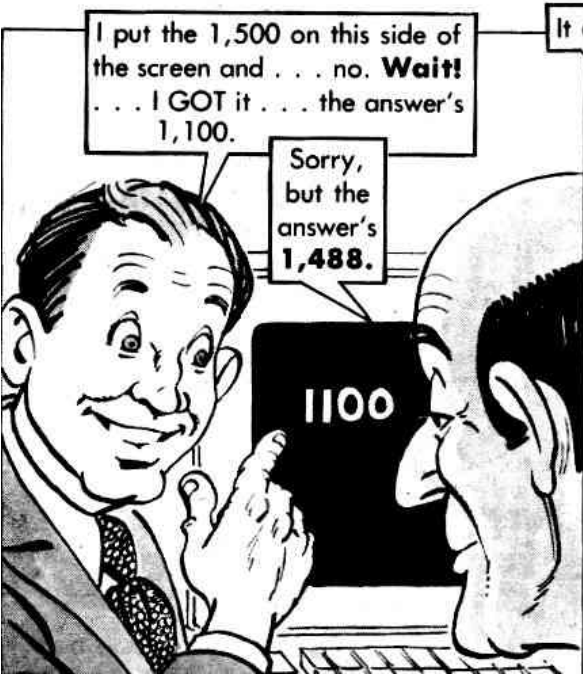


Brand new! This dust cover helps keep the computer cover from getting dirty.

EASY TOTE



Use these once a day for a month and you'll find it much easier to tote your "portable" home computer.



It can't be! My computer says 1,100.

Well, you must have hit the wrong key or something because I figured out the answer using a much more reliable method.

What'd you use?

My fingers!

CRACKED is writing to your pen pal in pencil.

CAN YOU FIGURE
OUT THESE
WORD PICTURE
PUZZLES?

WORD

Example: ME/REPEAT is Repeat After

CURTAIN

CURTAIN GOING UP

WATER
Feet Feet Feet
Feet Feet Feet

6 FEET UNDER WATER

FEELING

SINKING FEELING

DEBT

DEEP IN DEBT

WATCH

WATCH OUT

CUTTING

CUTTING DOWN

A PINCH

IN A PINCH

BAN ANA

BANANA SPLIT

THERE
ANG

HANG IN THERE

PERFECT BDOY
PERFECT BODA
PERFECT ODYB
PERFECT BOYD

NO BODY'S PERFECT

ANYDROPTIME

DROP IN ANYTIME

ATTITUDE

RIGHT ATTITUDE

PLAY

Me. They're fun to do and tricky too !

SORRY SORRY SORRY
SORRY **THAT** SORRY
SORRY SORRY SORRY
SORRY ABOUT THAT

HORSING HORSING
HORSING HORSING
HORSING AROUND

KIDDING
KIDDING
KIDDING
KIDDING
KIDDING
ALL KIDDING ASIDE

CHEER
CHEER UP

**QUARTERS
QUARTERS
QUARTERS**
CLOSE QUARTERS

High way
DIVIDED HIGHWAY

MALOSTIL
LOST IN THE MAIL

**BEGINNING
MIDDLE
BEGINNING
MIDDLE
BEGINNING
MIDDLE**
NO END IN SIGHT

JUMPING
JUMPING
JUMPING UP AND DOWN

**SILENT SILENT
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THE SILENT MAJORITY

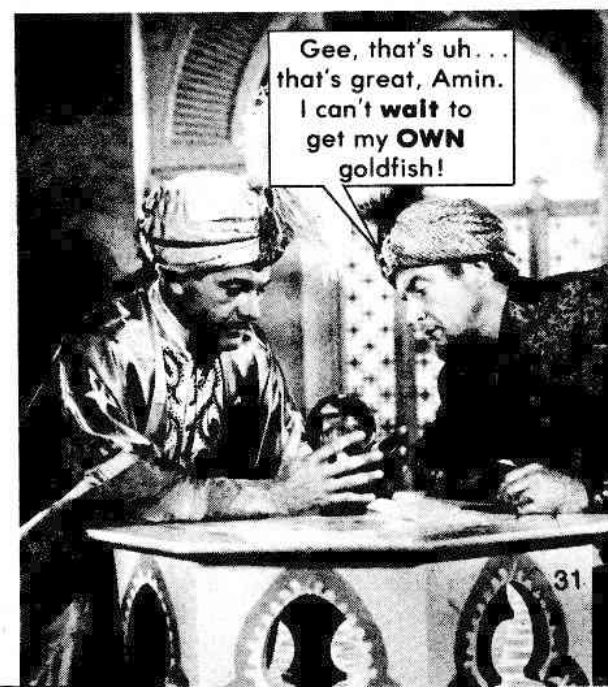
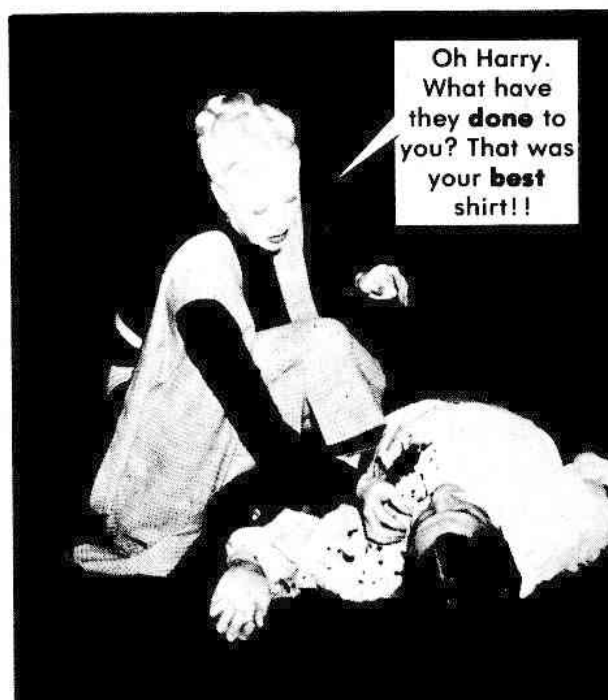
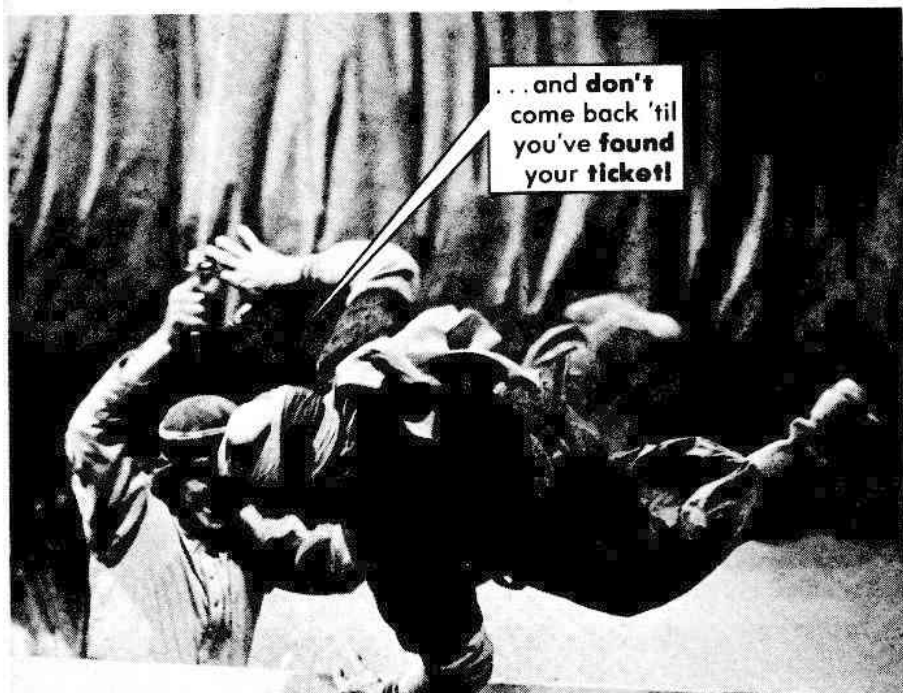
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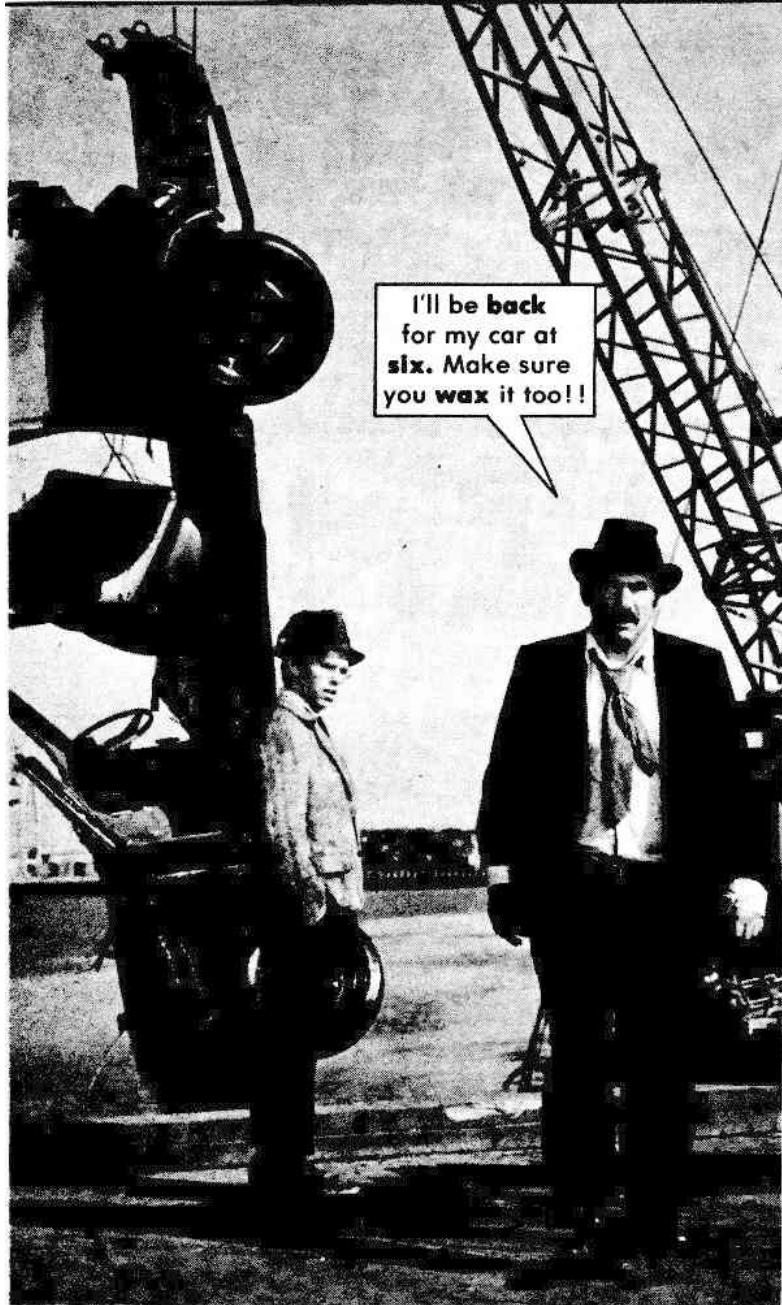
Heard
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HEARD ALL OVER TOWN





THE CRACKED LENS





So what you're **saying**, Mr. Jones, is that New Soft fabric softener hasn't **quite** lived up to your expectations!



Darn you, Howie!
I told you to **stop**
drying the dishes
in the **microwave**!!



What do **you** think,
Leo. Is all this
'beauty sleep' **really**
doing me any good?!!

I **warned** you to
stop serving those
leftover hamburgers,
Pa!

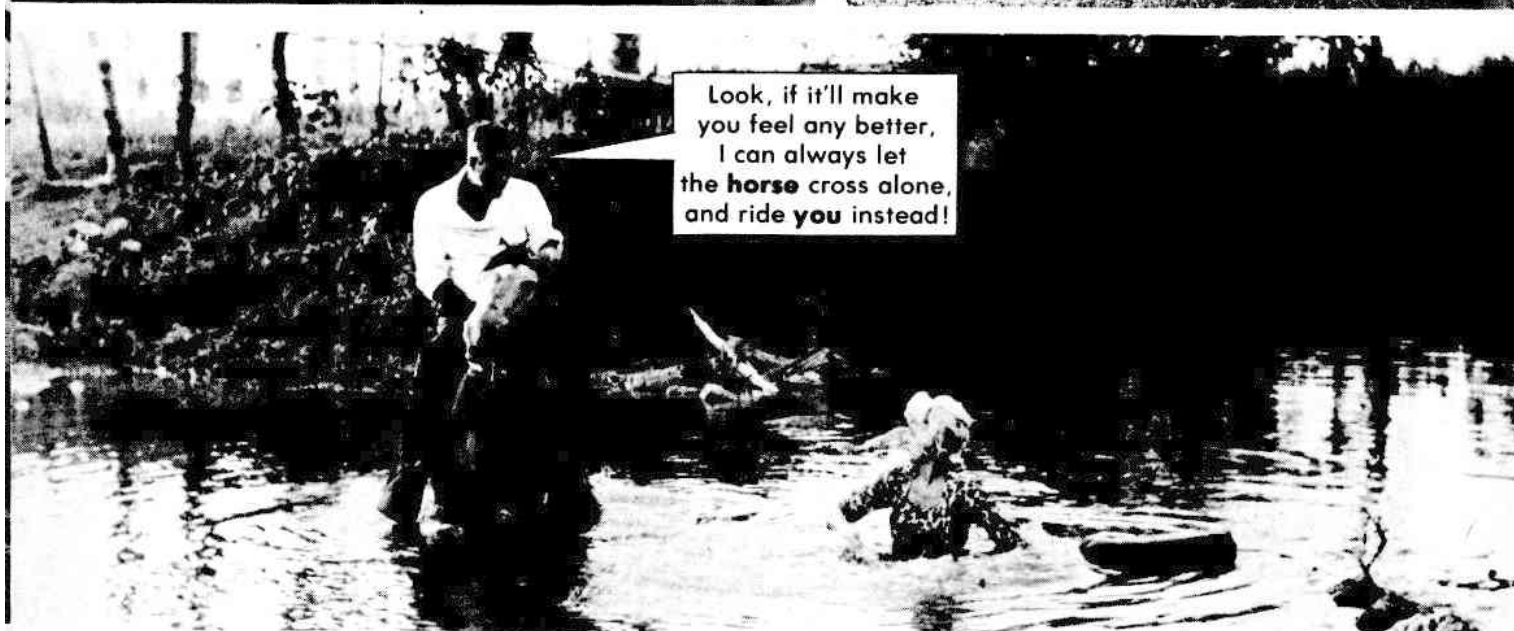




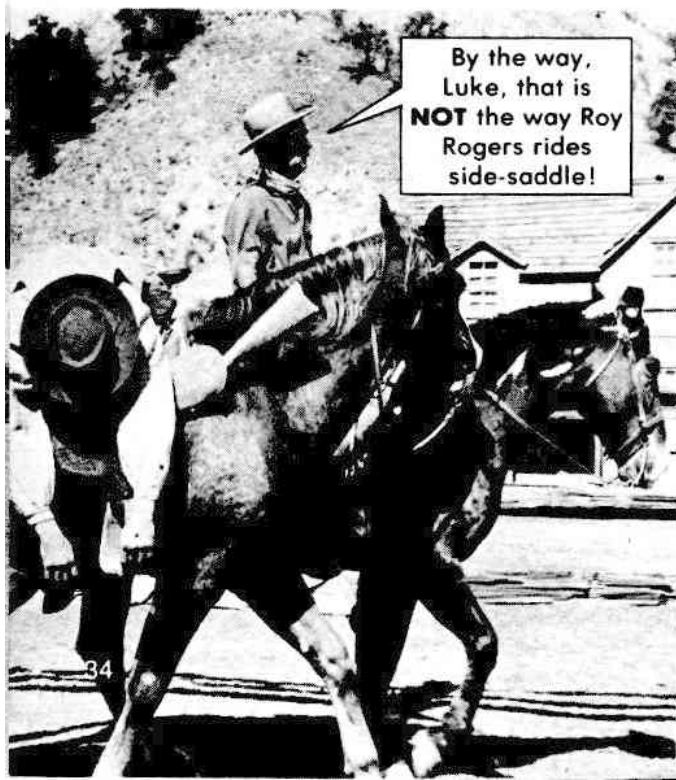
Oh, uh... Hi Mr. Moore.
You're **early**. I was
uh just seeing how
much money we got
left in the safe.



Good grief!
And he expects
us to believe
he isn't
drunk!



Look, if it'll make
you feel any better,
I can always let
the **horse** cross alone,
and ride **you** instead!



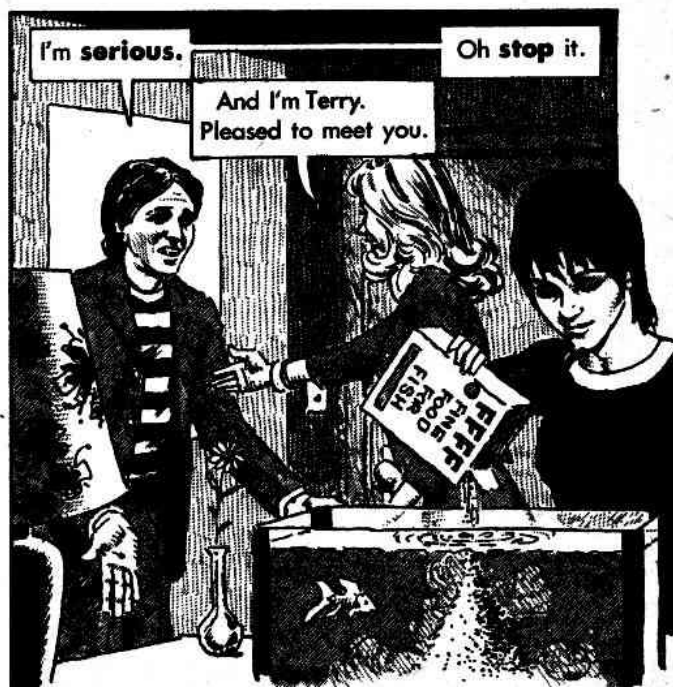
By the way,
Luke, that is
NOT the way Roy
Rogers rides
side-saddle!

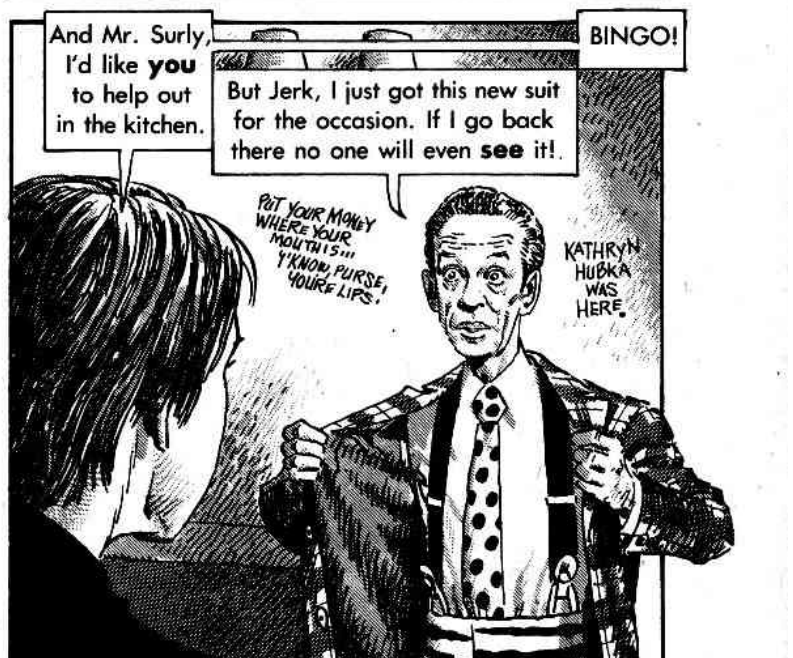
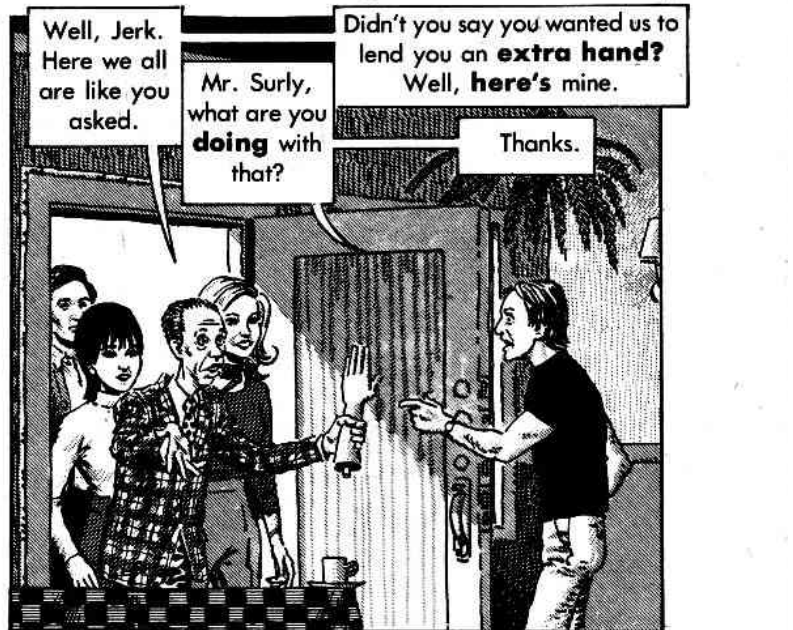
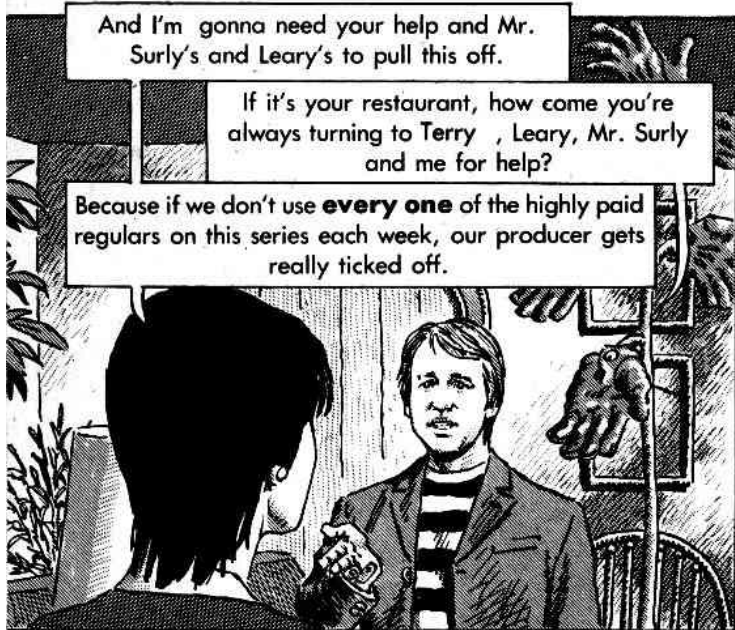
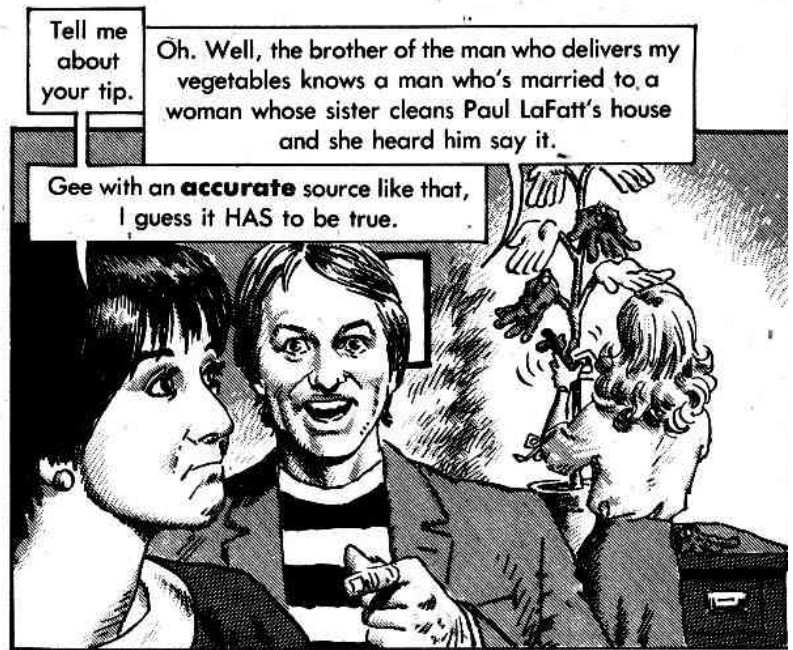


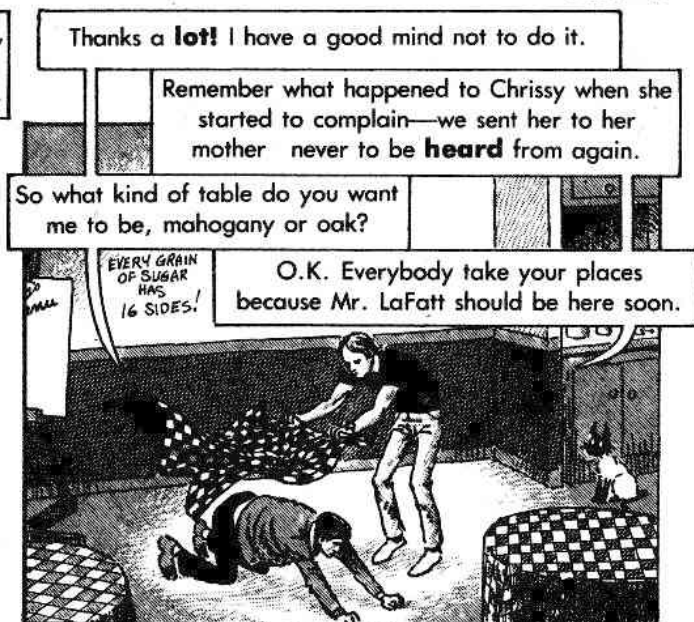
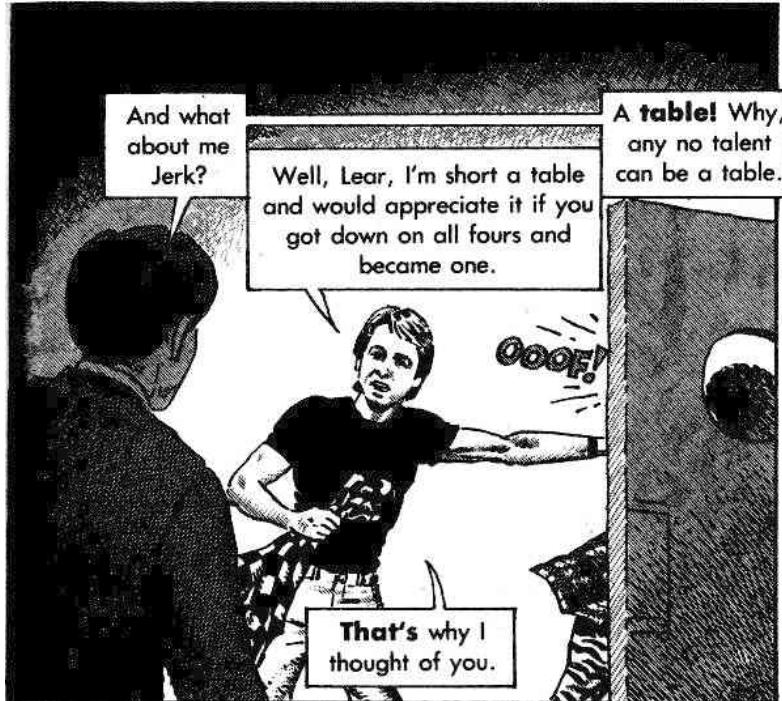
That'll teach you
to eat out of
other people's
trash cans!!

By now everyone is familiar with that long-running comedy hit on ABC about a guy and his two female roommates. However, since we did the show last, a lot of things have changed. In addition, we've also received thousands of letters asking us to do it again. So, when you add it all up, we guess it's time we took another look at the series that those with bad diction in Brooklyn, N.Y. and other parts of the country call

TREE'S COMPANY

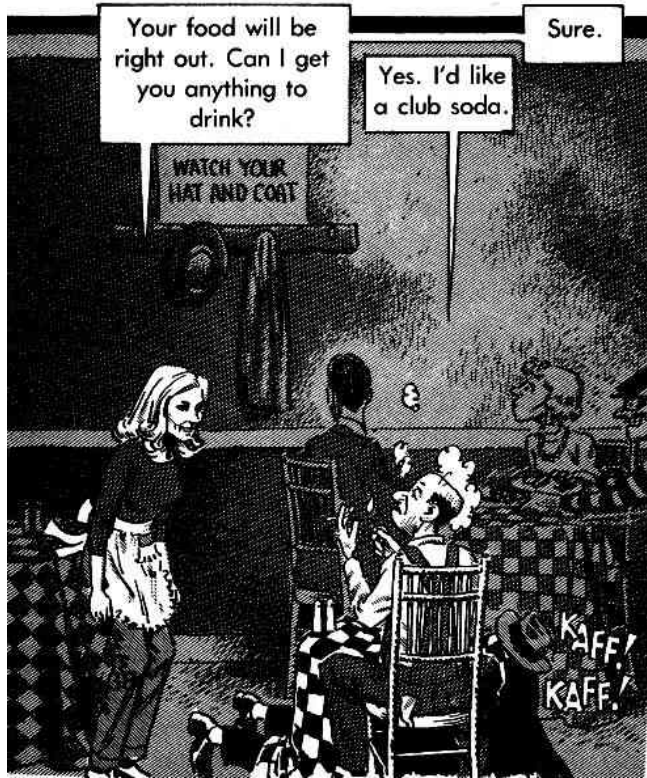
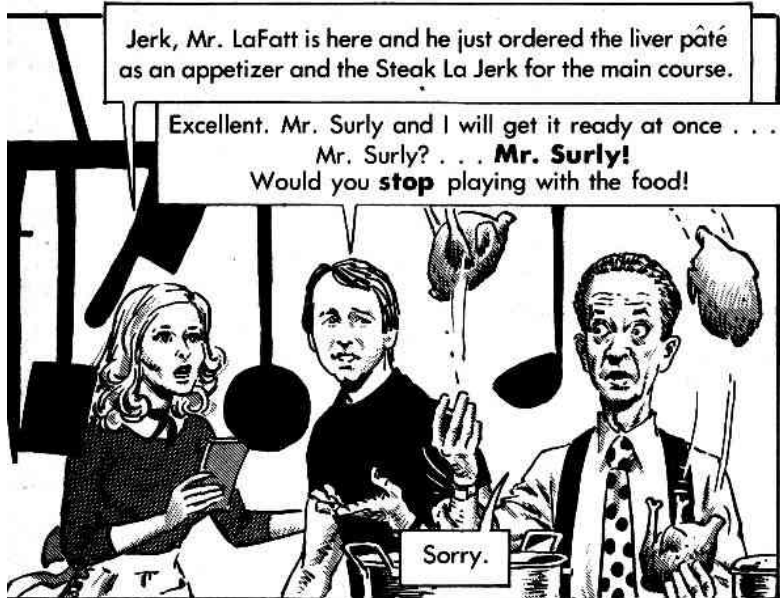
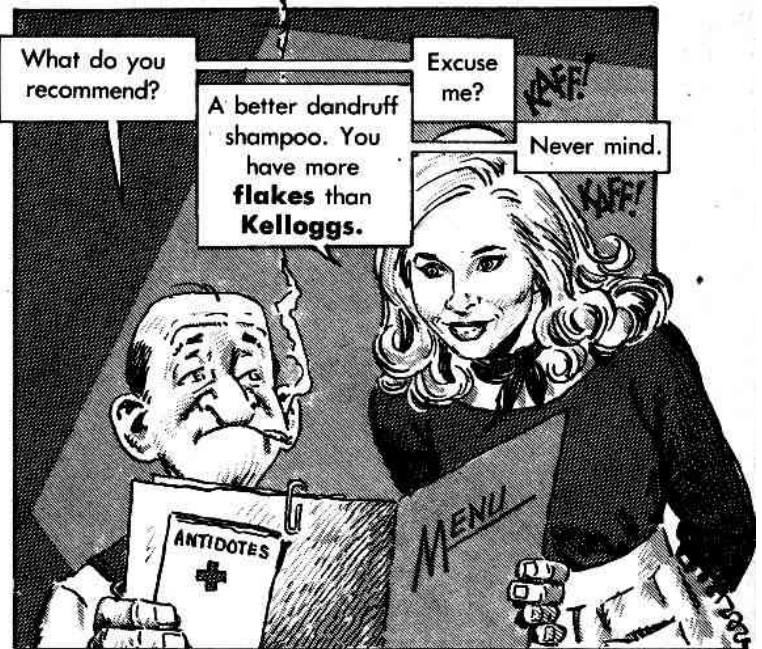
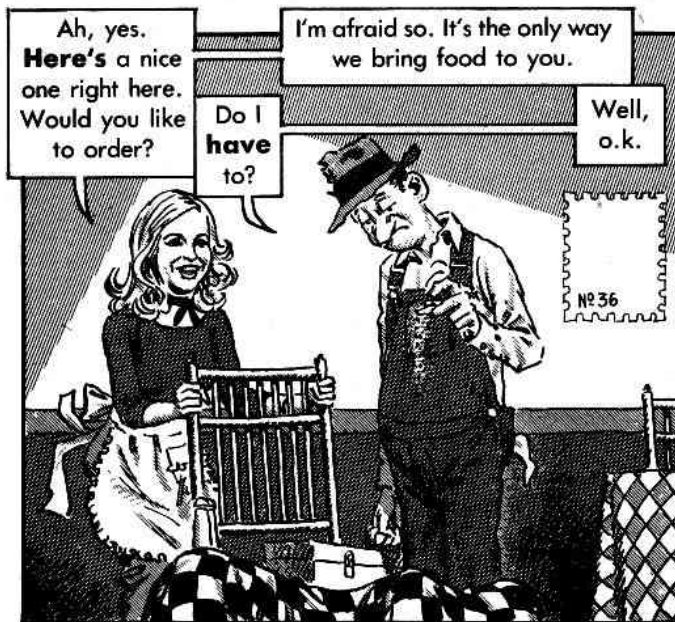


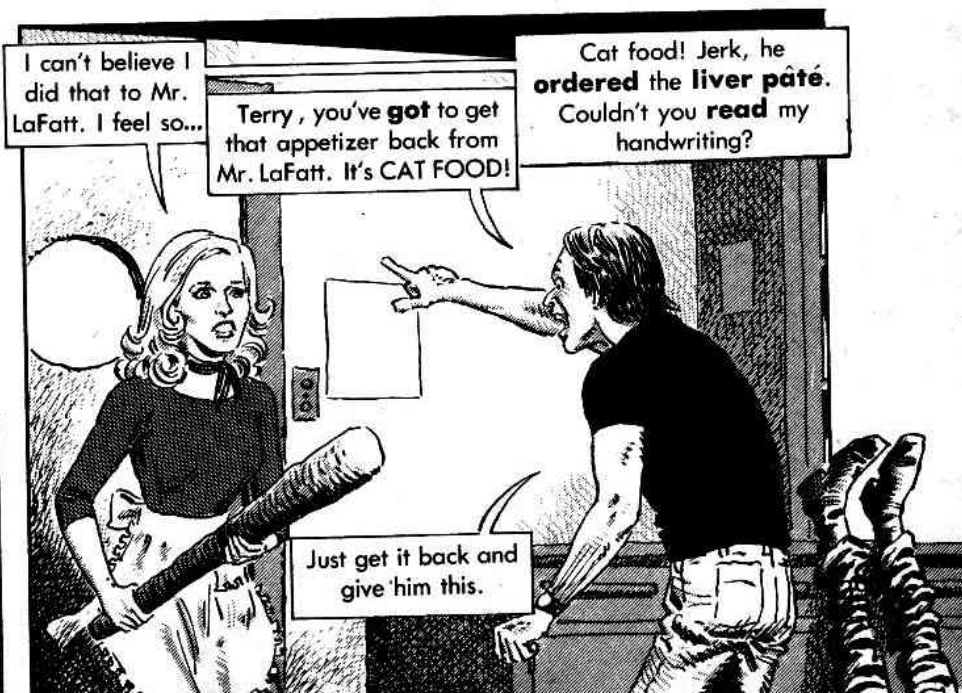
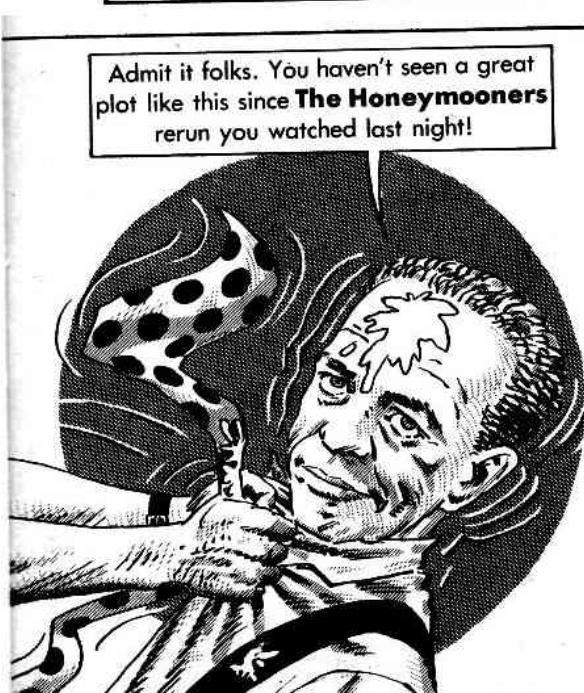
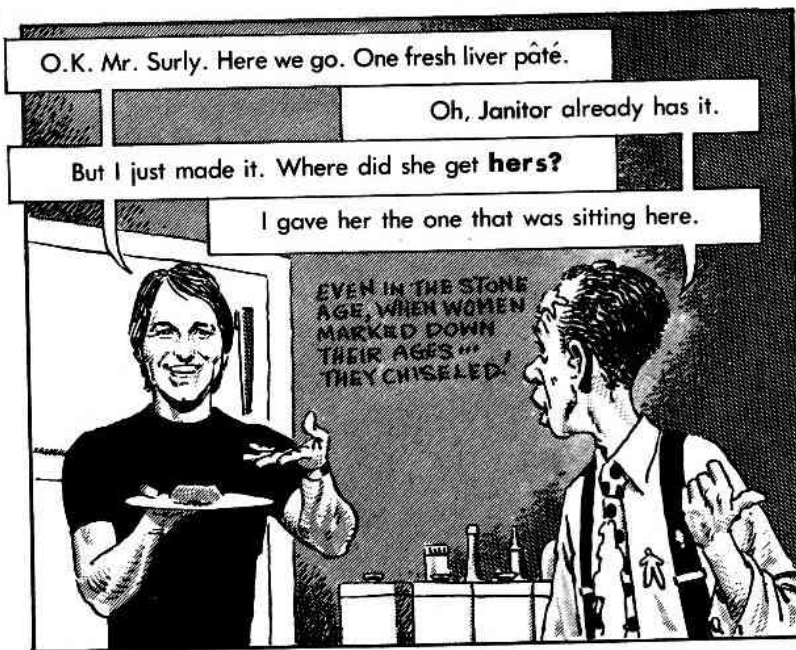
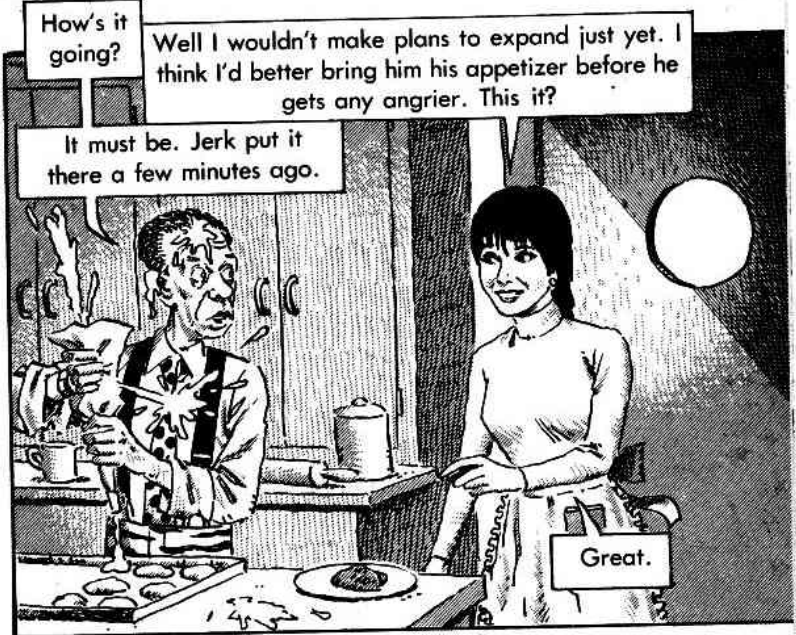
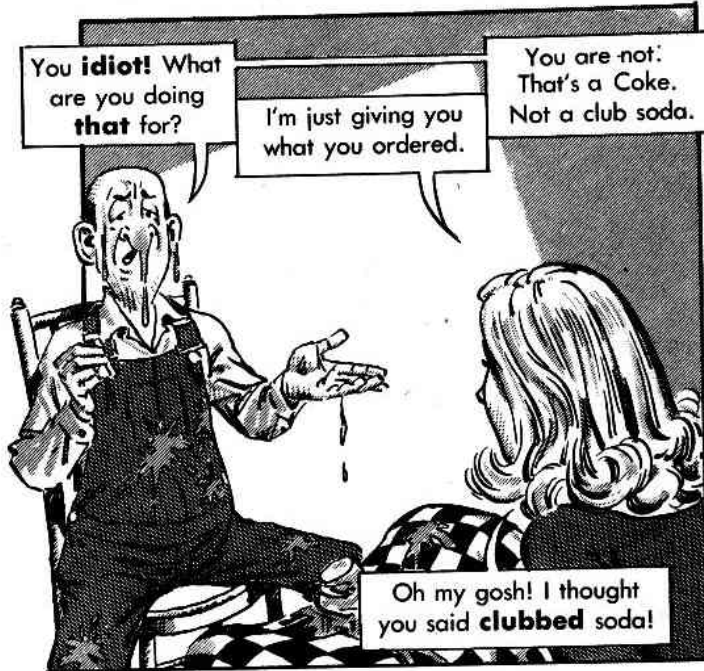




CRACKED is stopping a panhandler on the street









Wait! You can't use **that** fork!

Ah, would you like me to check those along with your coat?

Give me **them**!



Young lady. What is going on?

I'm sorry, but as I was coming out of the kitchen I noticed a spot on that fork and I just **couldn't** let you use it. I'm just going to have to take the whole appetizer way.

Because of a dirty **fork**? I'll just use this spoon.



Wait!! Look at **that**! I think it's an **African Goblutz** walking up there on the ceiling.

Where?

Up there.

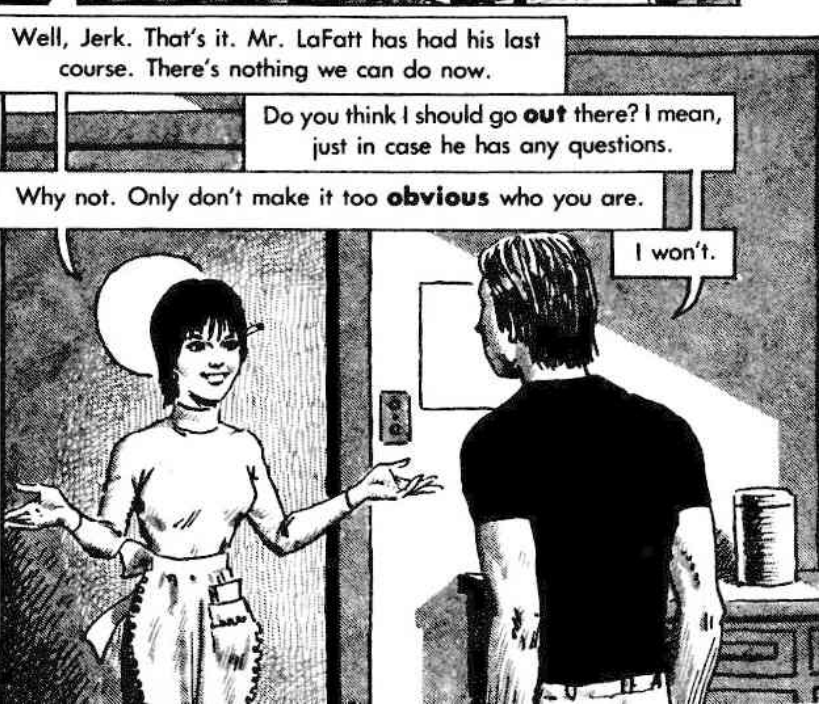
CECERINE VANGEMERT ATE HERE

AN ASTRONAUT IS A MAN WHO'S GOING SPACES!



Oh gee. My mistake. It's just a plain old cockroach. Never mind. Enjoy your dinner.

COCKROACH!!!!?



Well, Jerk. That's it. Mr. LaFatt has had his last course. There's nothing we can do now.

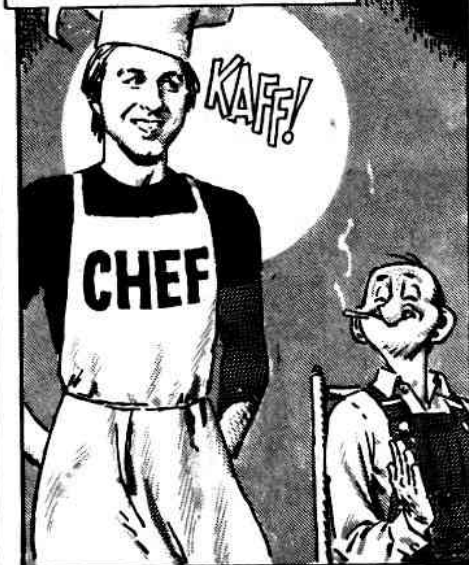
Do you think I should go **out** there? I mean, just in case he has any questions.

Why not. Only don't make it too **obvious** who you are.

I won't.



Hi, Heinrich. Ah, Terry.
Where's Mr. LaFatt?



Right **there**. Only why did you call him **Heinrich**?

I called him Heinrich because that's who he is.



CRACKED is letting your cold develop into pneumonia because that they can cure.

Right. Heinrich Hunklemeyer, the plumber. And normally, I can't stand waiting to fix someone's sink, but since you served me that **fantastic free meal**, I won't even put the waiting time on your bill. Now where's the sink?

I can't **believe** this. I've been **slaving** inside for **two hours** to feed a plumber.

But look at it this way. He **did** give you a rave review. I'm sure that from now on any plumber who comes in here to fix something will **probably eat** first!



I guess that rumor you heard about Mr. La Fatt coming was just that.

Yeah. And to think I brought all of you down here for **nothing**. What a **waste**!

But Jerk, it wasn't a **waste**. In the process you did something very important.

Really? And just what was **that**?



You managed to fill yet another half hour on this series with a lame plot based **once** again on misunderstanding.

You're right! I **did**!

Good going, Jerk.



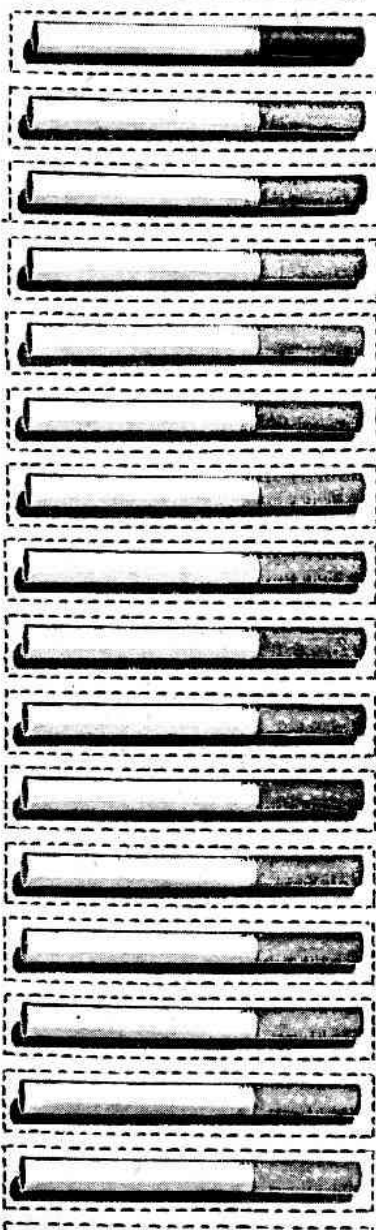
Recently, you may have noticed that companies are going to extraordinary lengths to keep you, the consumer, safe rather than sorry

NEW TAMPER-RESI

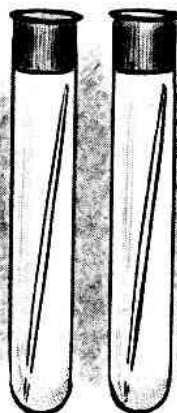
**TAMPER-RESISTANT
CIGARETTE PACKAGE**



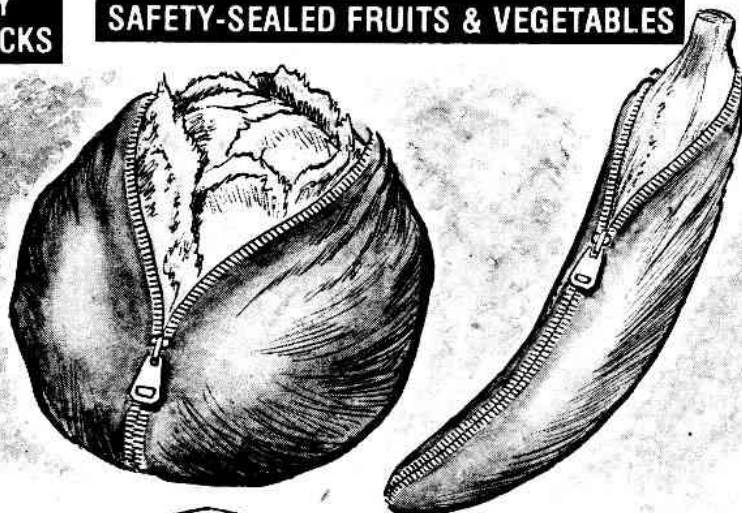
Warning: The Surgeon General Has Determined That Cigarette Smoking Is Dangerous to Your Health.



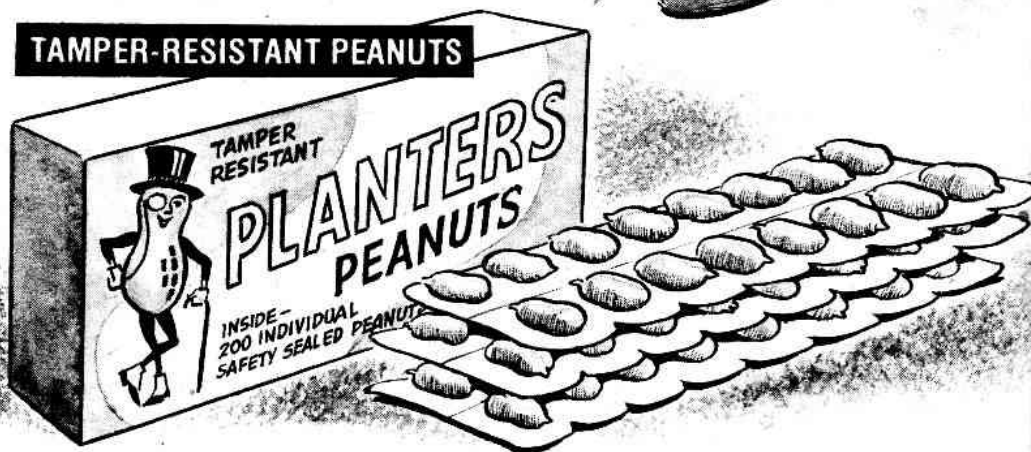
**HERMETICALLY
SEALED TOOTHPICKS**



SAFETY-SEALED FRUITS & VEGETABLES

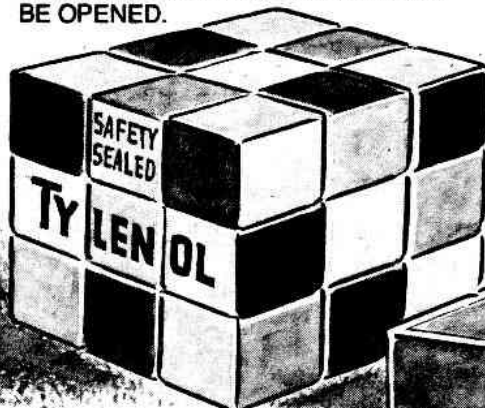


TAMPER-RESISTANT PEANUTS

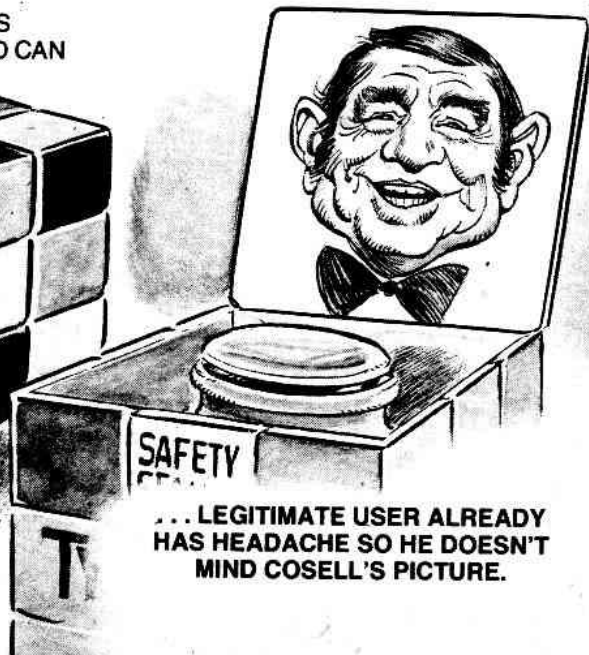


TYLENOL—SUPER SAFETY SEALED TWO WAYS

1. USER MUST SOLVE RUBIK'S CUBE BEFORE CONTAINER LID CAN BE OPENED.



2. PICTURE OF HOWARD COSELL ON INSIDE OF CONTAINER LID FURTHER DISCOURAGES TAMPERER



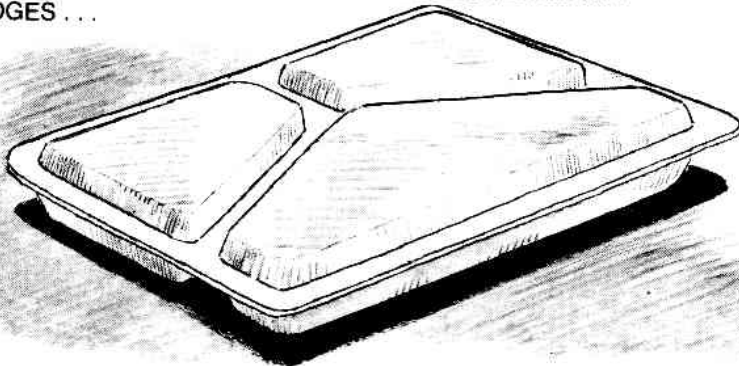
... LEGITIMATE USER ALREADY HAS HEADACHE SO HE DOESN'T MIND COSELL'S PICTURE.

protect consumers against product tampering by safely sealing their products. In our quest CRACKED presents a preview of what to expect in the way of

STANT PACKAGING

TAMPER-PROOF TV DINNER

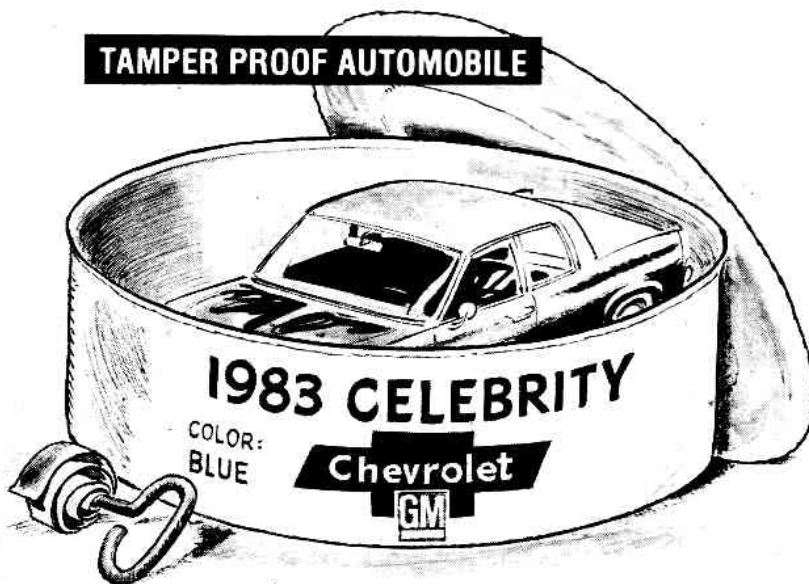
BOTH TOP AND BOTTOM COVERS ARE SEALED. POPCORN KERNELS ARE LOCATED INSIDE ALONG THE EDGES ...



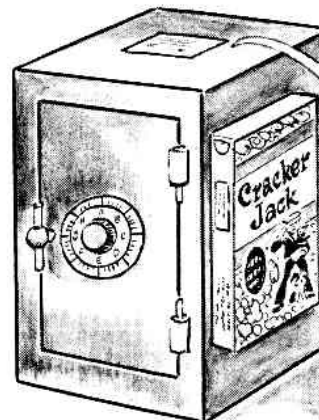
... WHEN HEATED IN THE OVEN THE FORCE OF THE POPPED CORN SEPARATES THE TOP FROM THE BOTTOM HALF.



TAMPER PROOF AUTOMOBILE



SAFE-TY SEALED SNACK'S



PRODUCT COMES IN A SAFE WITH COUPON ON TOP

SAFE-CRACKER JACKS

MAIL THIS COUPON WITH YOUR CASH REGISTER RECEIPT TO RECEIVE THE COMBINATION OR KEYS TO YOUR SAFE-CRACKER JACKS. ALLOW 4 TO 6 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
STATE _____ ZIP _____

LAMINATED TAMPER PROOF REPORT CARD

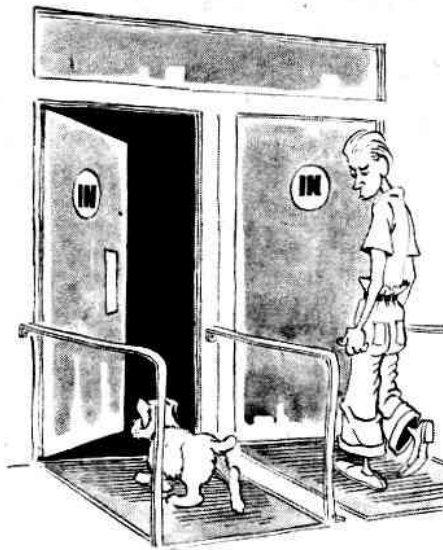
SCHOOL CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL		SCHOOL PHONE NO. 343-7162	
STUDENT NAME GLICH JOSEPH C.		GRADE 11	COUNSELOR SMYTHE
SUBJECT		TEACHER	MARK CREDIT
ENGLISH 3		JONES	F+
CHEMISTRY		BUNSEN	D-
SPANISH 3		LOCO	F
GEOMETRY		ASA	F-
SHOP		WRENCH	D+
RECESS		—	C+

SOME PRODUCTS REQUIRE NO TAMPER-PROOFING. TAMPERING WITH CRACKED*, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD ONLY HELP TO IMPROVE THE PRODUCT.



*AVAILABLE WHERE FINE MAGAZINES ARE SOLD

YOU KNOW YOU'RE SKINNY WHEN...



**YOU DON'T HAVE THE WEIGHT TO
TRIGGER THE AUTOMATIC DOORS!**



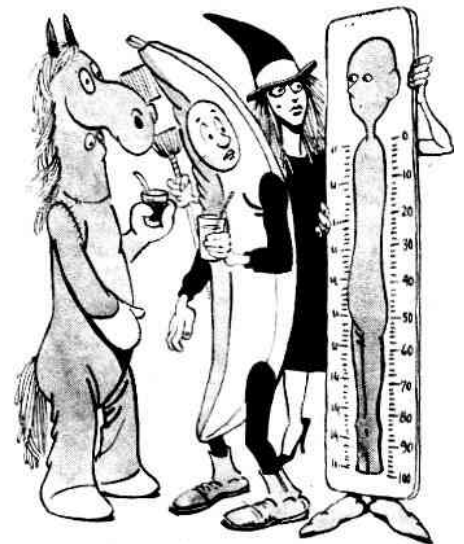
**YOUR SCOUT TROOP USES YOU
FOR A TENT POST!**



**PEOPLE PLAY HORSESHOES
EVERYTIME YOU STAND STILL!**



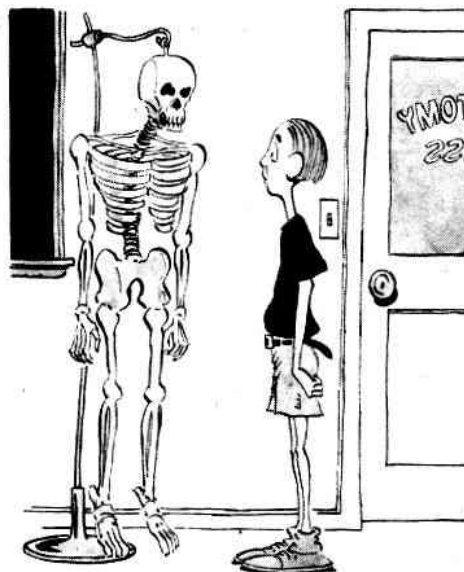
**YOU CAN'T KEEP THE MOVIE
THEATER SEAT DOWN!**



**YOU GO TO COSTUME PARTIES AS
A THERMOMETER!**



**YOU HAVE TO MAKE EXTRA HOLES
IN YOUR BELT AND IT'S A DOG
COLLAR!**



**THE ANATOMY SKELETON IS BUILT
BETTER THAN YOU!**



**YOU'RE THE LAST ONE PICKED
FOR GAMES, BUT THE FIRST USED
IN THE JAVELIN TOSS!**



Greetings, America! This is ace reporter Nanny Dickering again and I'm at Pepe's Puppy Palace visiting with none other than Mr. Gains Berger, the owner of the largest chain of pet stores in the nation. And why am I here? Well its' obviously because this month

CRACKED INTERVIEWS

THE PET STORE KING



Mr. Berger, the first question I should ask is why call your establishment Pepe's Puppy Palace?

Because if I named it after myself and called it Pepe's Burger Palace, everyone would think that I was a fast-food chain!



Not exactly handsome is he?

No, but WOW can HE KISS!

Are all your puppies guaranteed?

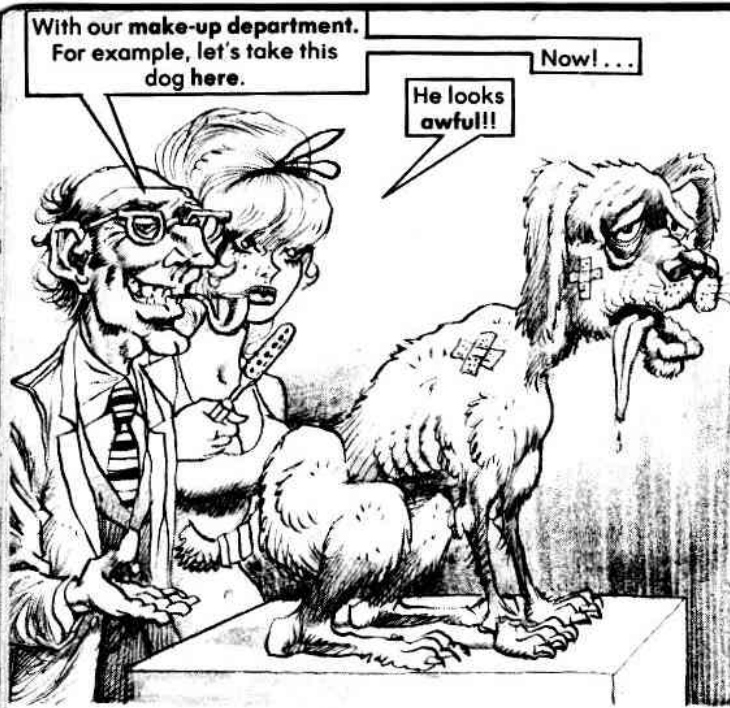
Oh yes — each puppy is guaranteed to grow into a dog — or your money back!

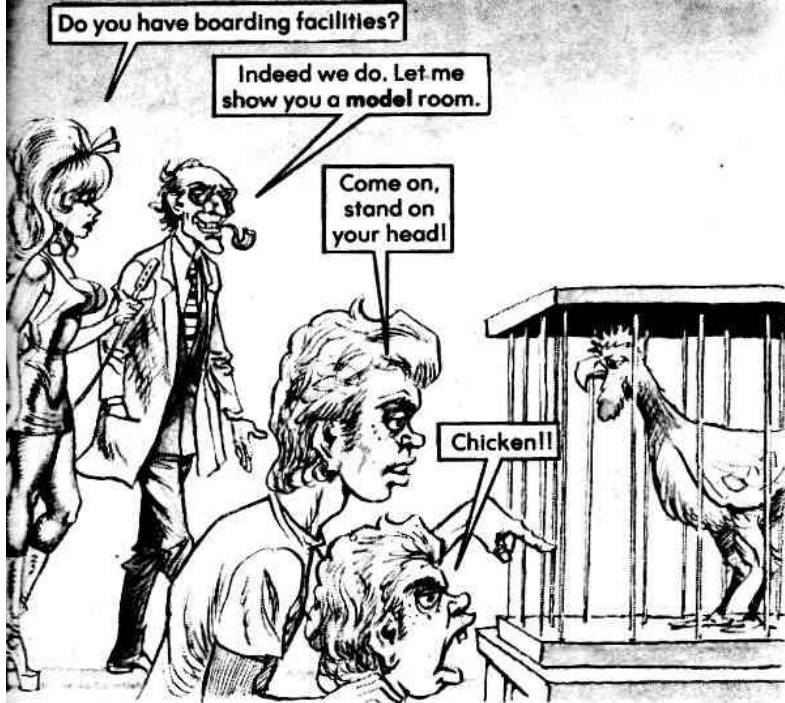
What about their health. Is each in A-1 shape?

Quite frankly, Nanny, NO! But they do look great, don't they?

Yes, they How is th achieve







... but Mrs. Poindexter, a baby elephant is so much more practical than a hamster. Think of all the extra trunk space you'll have.

But how will he fit into this cage I already bought?

Simple! Just put him on a low-fat peanut diet and shove!

Hello pretty thing. Care to discuss Newton's 8th law?

That parrot has an amazing vocabulary.

I JUST LOVE CHERRY LIPSTICK. I JUST LOVE TUMS. I JUST LOVE...

He should. That's a \$1200 tape recorder I had implanted in his chest!

That's so dishonest! And while we're on the subject, how do you handle it when a person is dissatisfied with a pet's purchase?

Our Mr. Smithers there travels about taking care of the problems.

Mr. Smithers, this turtle I bought is dead!

No he isn't—he's just shy.

But he hasn't come out of his shell in over 3 years.

I told you he was shy!

Another service of ours is our pet psychiatrist.

You're kidding!

DOGGIE PSYCHIATRIST

Ma'am, I can't tell you what's wrong with Pierre unless he decides to speak to me.

Oh come now, Pierre and tell the nice doctor what you told mommy.

You know, after observing this, I can't make up my mind.

About what?

About who's crazier—the dogs or the owners!!

Well, while you're deciding that, let me show you my newest innovation — pet insurance! Should the time come for your furry little friend to move on to greener pastures, his life insurance is passed along to one of the children.

You mean his master's son or daughter can collect the insurance?

No, one of the animal's children can!

But animals can't spend money!

I know! That's the beauty of pet insurance. You're always collecting premiums without ever having to pay off!



CRAIGED is looking sorry for customers because they can't compare a disadvantage of their own!

I see that you also sell pythons!

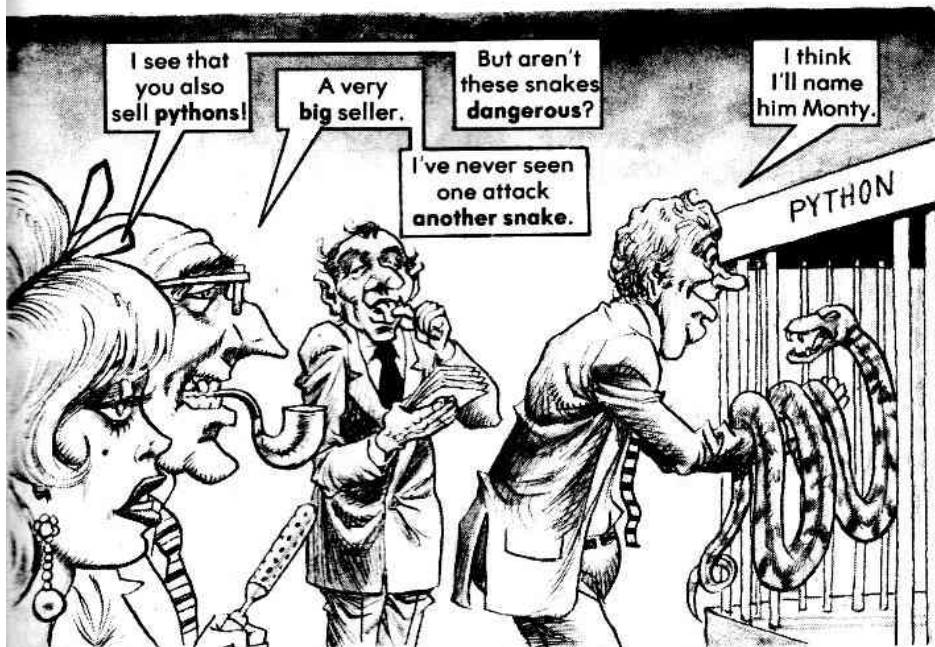
A very big seller.

But aren't these snakes dangerous?

I've never seen one attack another snake.

I think I'll name him Monty.

PYTHON



That man was just severely injured by your python. What are you going to do about it, Mr. Berger?

Think I should give him his money back?



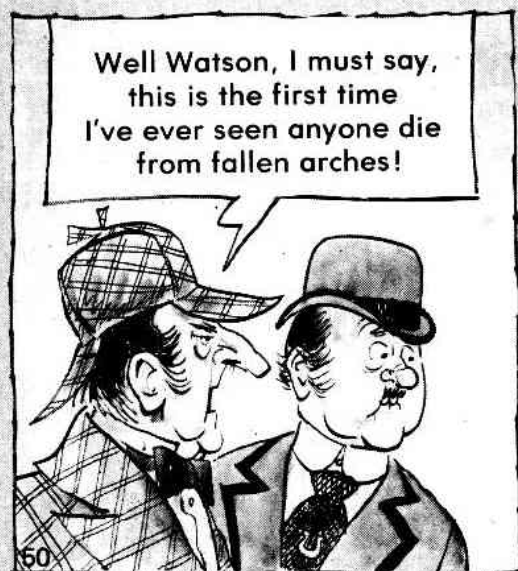
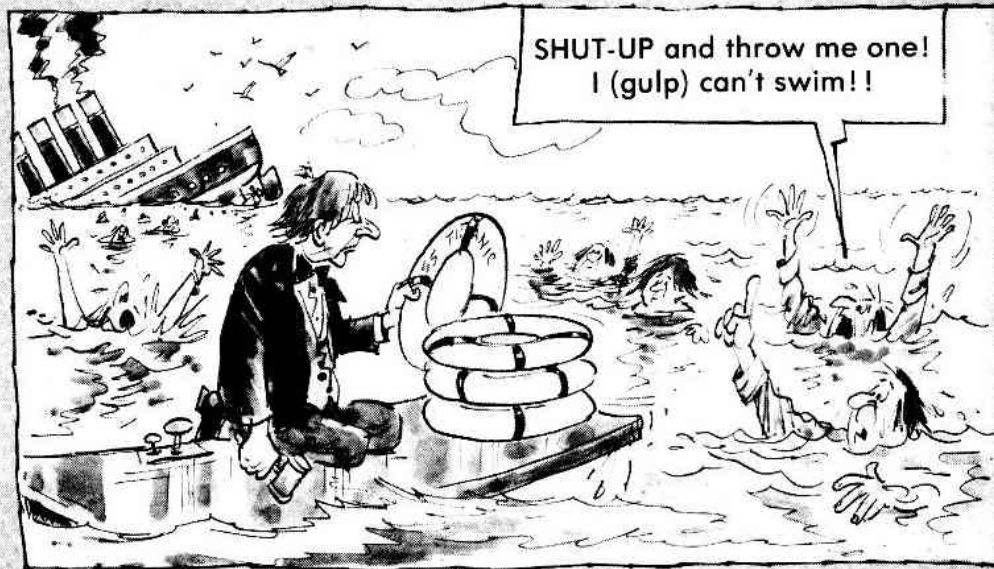
And this is a disgusted Nanny Dickering signing off until next month!

You're right! I'll give him his money back — but only if he still has his receipt!

Can we move on to the Shut-Ups please ...



SHUT-UPS PLAN AHEAD





COLOR GUIDE

WHITE - Air Pollution at Minimum.

GREEN - Air Pollution at Acceptable Level.

BLUE - Air Pollution Critical.

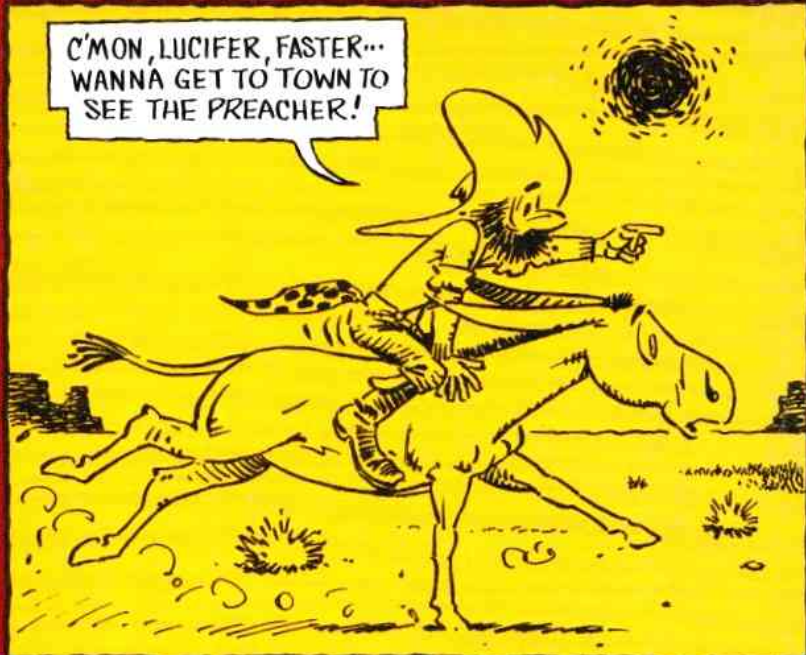
*RED - **Evacuate Area Immediately!***

(However, It Is Probably Too Late)

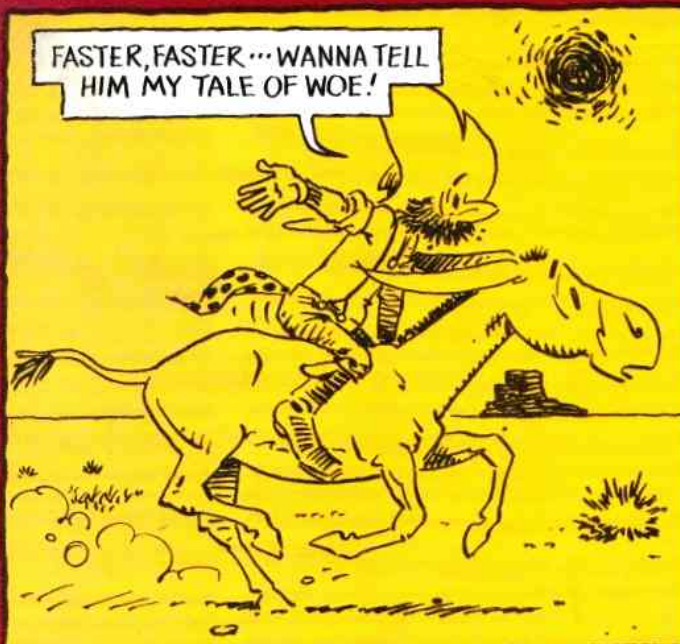
SAGE BRUSH

by
SEVERIN

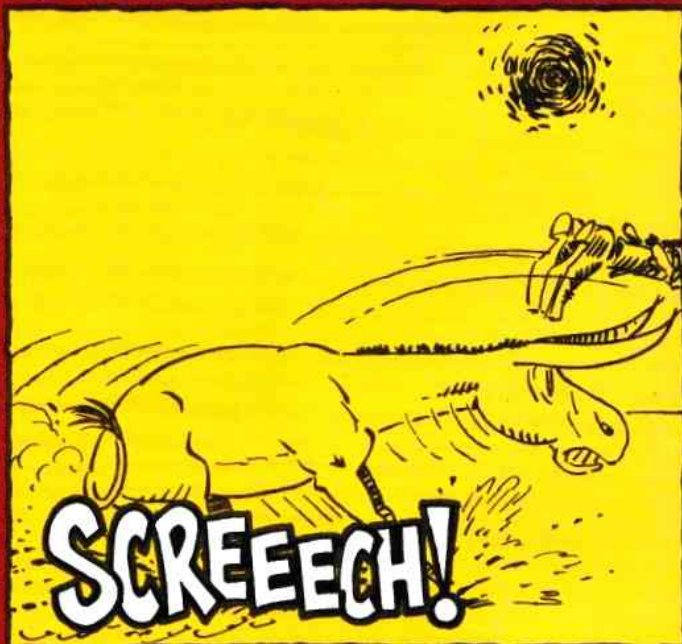
C'MON, LUCIFER, FASTER...
WANNA GET TO TOWN TO
SEE THE PREACHER!



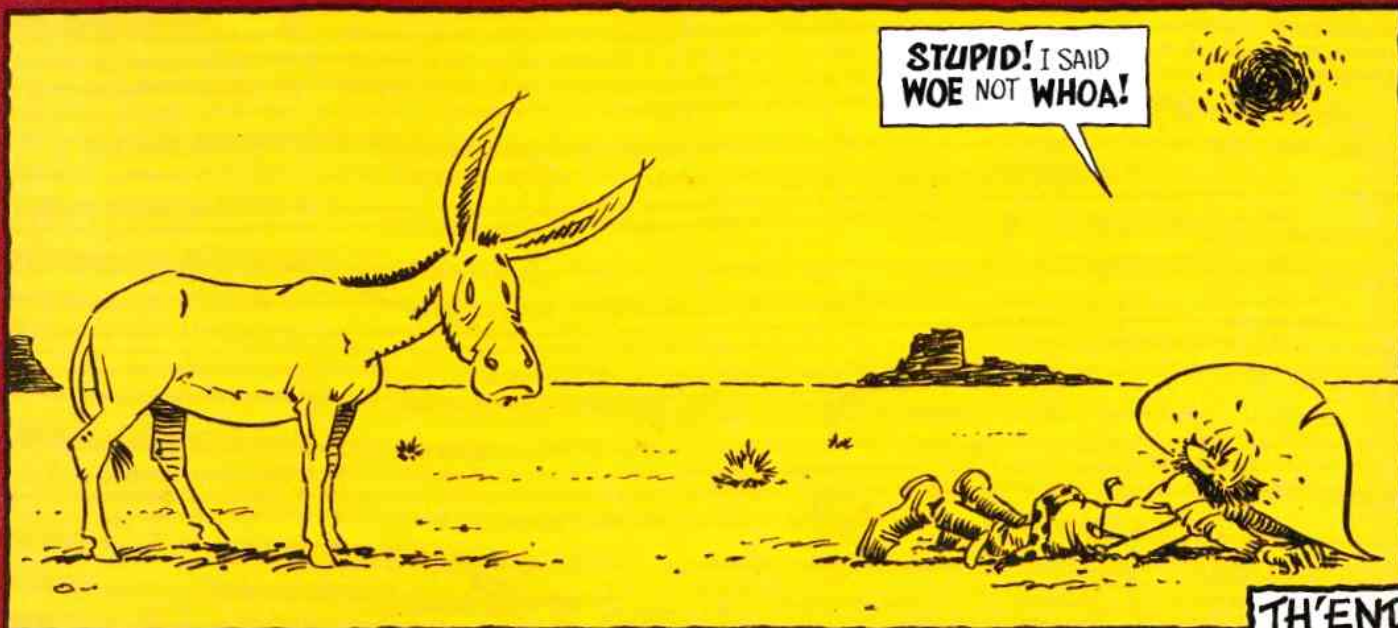
FASTER, FASTER... WANNA TELL
HIM MY TALE OF WOE!



SCREEECH!



STUPID! I SAID
WOE NOT WHOA!



TH'END